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Rifai and senior officials.

Hostage mediators land in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — A Swiss-owned plane carrying four people flew into BEIRUT (R) — A Swiss-owned plane carrying four people flew into Beirut Friday amid mounting speculation that pro-franian militants were about to free three French hostages. Witnesses at Beirut airport initially identified one of the group as Syrian mediator Omran Adham. But Adham later told Reuters he was still in Paris, although he expected a quick end to the ordeal of the three Frenchmen who have been held in Lebanon for three years. He said by telephone he had been to Beirut once this week but was now in his Paris office following the progress of efforts to obtain the release of the trio. "I am in hour-to-hour contact with Syrian officials." he said. "We hope that the ambassador of France will be able to join Syrians at the Summerland hotel in Beirut later tonight and welcome the hostages." He said he was unable to identify the four people who stepped off the plane which flew from France to Lebanon. But he added: "Perhaps this plane was chartered to fly the hostages home." "Perhaps this plane was chartered to fly the hostages home." Al Shiraa: Hostages to be freed soon, page 5

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'Superpower cooperation prerequisite for peace'

Rifai, senior officials offer condolences

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AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Ler Zaid Rifai and senior officials, D jeweb, and members, and Cabinet ministhe low mander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, former ministers and heads of Arab and foreign diment piomatic missions in Amman Thursday visited the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) office and offered condolences over the death of PLO deputy military commander Khalil Al A & Wazir (Abu Jihad), who was assassinated in Tunis Saturday. The or The prime minister earlier re-Turknes turned from a visit to Sauch Araamong bia where he delivered a message marryne from His Majesty King Hussein on Jordanian-Saudi relations and th news current Arab affairs to King Fahd avda que Ibn Abdul Aziz.

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DUBAI (R) - A senior Iraqi official, in remarks published Friday, dismissed an Iranian proposal for setting up working teams to n in negotiate an end to the Gulf war. But First Deputy Foreign Minister Wisam Al Zahawie told Al Bayan newspaper that Iraq the mian; was willing to sit down directly media bi with the Iranians under United Nations auspices. "Let them first accept (U.N.) Resolution 598 before we consider such teams and The jor start negotiations," he said.

ildren by Kuwait complains national to U.N.

TIME UNITED NATIONS (R) -Kuwait has complamed to the United Nations that Iran fired a Seud missile into Kirwaih territory Wednesday, "Kuwait reserves the right to take appropriate measures in the face of this attacks and holds Iran accountable-for the legal and material consequences resulting from it," Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah said in a letter to Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Cairo boycotts And Israeli reception

RI miz CAIRO (AP) — Israeli embassy xuper les officials in Cairo expressed dismissi appointment over a record low Kasami turnout at an annual reception norther given Thursday for Israel's 40th. aniversary, Israel Radio said. It said Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak did not send a representative and no Egyptian ministers attended the event. In Nicosia. President George Vassilion said Friday he boycotted an Israeli reception out of sympathy with the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. "It has been government policy for the president to attend all... receptions by local embassies. The only exception I've made was in the case of Israel, to protest this kind of situation," Vassilion said at a

news conference. No leadership conflict in Kremlin'

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Friday there was no leadership conflict in Moscow and e hel denied reports of a clash between Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev and his number two Yegor Ligachev. "As a member of the leadership, I can say there are no differences between General Secretary Gorbachev and Ligachev," the minister, who has a seat in the communist party's ruling politburo, told a news conference. "There are no conflicts," he added.

Turkish-Soviet border to open to traffic

ISTANBUL (R) - NATO-member Turkey and the Soviet Union plan to open their border to traffic within a month, a senior Turkish official said Friday. Ertan Yulek; under-secretary at the Ministry of Communications. told reporters on his return to Ankara from Moscow that a passenger ferry link would also start across the Black Sea. The SARP border leading to Soviet Georgia has been closed since 1937. When reopened, it will be the first land crossing between the Soviet Union and a NATO country.

Palestinians begin '8 days of anger' to protest Abu Jihad assassination

Israelis storm Haram Al Sharif

Israeli jets bomb camp near Beirut

NAAMEH, Lebanon (Agencies) - Israeli jets raided a Palestinian camp southeast of Beirut Friday and wounded four people, two of them children, Lebanese security sources quoted by news agencies

They said four jets launched three raids on bases of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC).

"The Israeli enemy will bear all the responsibility of its acts and we will take avenge for our people in coming days," said PFLP GC official Abu Adnan

"Those who killed tens of our people in the occupied territories are continuing their crimes by hitting civilian targets in Lebahe said.

In Tel Aviv, a military spokeswoman said Israeli planes had hit Palestinian targets north of

Police said eight fighter-bombers took part in the 10-minute air attack.

The police said the stricken targets stretch along a fivekilometre strip from the coastal town of Damour.

Damascus

DAMASCUS (Agencies) -

Palestinian leaders reported a re-

conciliation with Syria and said

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO) Chairman Yasser

Arafat — expelled from the coun-

try five years ago - would return

speaker of the Palestine National

Council (PNC) and a member of

the Fatch Central Committee, told

Renters Friday: "We can say that

relations have been fully res-

military commander Khalil Al

Wazir (Abu Jihad) in Tunis last

Saturday by a squad of assassins,

widely believed to have been sent

by Israel, was the catalyst for the

PLO and Syria to bury their

Abu Jihad was given an emo-

Although Arafat did not attend

tional burial near Damascus

occasion smoothed the way for

reconciliation talks after Algerian

The killing of PLO deputy

tored."

differences.

Wednesday.

Salim Al Zaanoun, deputy

soon to finally heal the rift.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli police stormed Jerusalem's Haram Al Sharif complex and clashed with worshipers Friday, while Palestinians battled soldiers in the occupied Gaza Strip. One Palestinian was reported killed and 21 people injured.

Police arrested more than 30 with protesters waving black flags worshipers at Haram Al Sharif. The violence erupted over the ficed his blood." assassination of Palestinian leader Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad)

and shouting "Abu Jihad sacri-

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Jordan: Israel should not go unpunished for killing Abu Jihad

Soviets accuse Israel of state terrorism

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — The Soviet Union accused Israel Friday of state terrorism in the assassination of Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) deputy military commander Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad).

"It is but another example of Israel's cynical contempt for world public opinion," Soviet Ambassador Alexander Belonogov told the Security Council. The council is meeting at the request of Tunisia, which wants Israel condemned for the assas-

PLO reports reconciliation with

announcement on the restoration

But Information Minister

Mohammad Salman indicated to

foreign reporters Thursday that

Syria would not press its demands

on two major issues: PLO rela-

tions with Egypt and the PLO

looking for joint stands to con-

front Israel at this time when

leaders of the Palestinian resist-

presence in Lebanon was aimed

against Israel and not directed at

He added that the Palestinian

"The Palestinian organisations

ance are in Damascus."

Lebanon's internal affairs.

Salman said: "We are now

military presence in Lebanon.

sination of Abu Jihad at his home in Tunis. Tunisian officials and Israeli

sources say Israeli government agents gunned down Abu Jihad Saturday. Officially, Israel has neither confirmed nor denied the allegations. In a carefully worded state-

ment issued Thursday by the Israeli mission to the United Nations, the Zionist state denied that it had admitted the attack.

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Most of the PLO Executive

Committee and members of the

Fateh Central Committee were at

a meeting with Syrian Vice-Presi-

dent Abdul Halim Khaddam

Palestinian sources said Arafat

did not attend the Damascus

gathering after he failed to obtain

guarantees that he would meet

Assad. Instead he went to see

Libyan leader Muammar Qadha-

fi, which whom he has also been

Thursday night.

at odds since 1983.

Iraq says Iranian naval target sunk

Friday prayers focus

and the importance of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Hilayel also reviewed the merits of Ramadan.

on Palestinian uprising

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein jouned worshippers at the Prince Hassan Mosque for Friday prayers that focused on the

Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza

Hilayel delivered the sermons referring to the steadfastness of the

Palestinian people in the face of Israel's oppressive measures.

Hilayel noted that the King extends support and aid to the families

of Palestinian martyrs, prisoners and students in the occupied

territories within the framework of the King's firm stand in support

of the Palestinian cause and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian

A special prayer was also held for the Palestinian martyrs.

Attending the prayers with the King were Prime Minister Zaid

The King hosted an iftar banquet at the Al Hussein Youth City

It was attended by royal family members. Rifai. Royal Court

Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs Secretary-General Ahmad

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iran had occupied for two years. dagnuau saju it sank a medijimsized Iranian naval target with all its crew Friday and the Iraqi president said Iran had become unbalanced.

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HRH Crown Prince Hassan

"At 7.20 a.m. (0320 GMT) today our naval forces sighted a medium war target," a military spokesman said in a statement broadcast by Baghdad Radio.

"They dealt it a direct hit, completely destroying it and sinking it with all the rogues who were on board," the statement said. It gave no other details. Iragi President Saddam Hus-

sein said Iran had missed many opportunities to end the 71/2-yearold war honourably. Hussein was speaking Thurs-

A Palestinian leader said an alliance between Syria and the day night after he decorated Air PLO would give strong backing Force Commander Air Marshal to the four-month-old Palestinian Hamed Shaaban, who led the 35-hour operation to liberate the

riussein saig Iran nag decome unbalanced after the loss of Fao. "Like madmen they attacked

TOKYO (Agencies) — His Royal

Highness Crown Prince Hassan

said Friday Jordan welcomes

effective cooperation between the

two superpowers to solve interna-

tional and regional issues and

considers such cooperation as a

precondition and prerequisite for

Addressing the Journalists

Club in Tokyo, Prince Hassan sid

the extraordinary Arab summit

held in Amman in 1987 marked a

"During the past 14 years that

turning point in the history of

have elapsed since my first visit to

Japan there has been increasing

rapport between our two com-

tries and Jordan has benefitted

peace in the Middle East.

inter-Arab relations.

at random the Americans, the United Arab Emirates (UAE). the British and any passing ship," Two Iranian frigates were bad-

ly damaged — one possibly sunk — in a firefight with U.S. naval forces Monday. A U.S. helicopter went missing during the clash and Iran later attacked a United Arab Emirates (UAE) oilfield and a British storage tanker.

"The enemy would have gained the hearts of many people by saying he had achieved his aim of liberating Iranian territory after Iraq withdrew its forces to international borders in 1982 ... he would have gained much," Hussein said.

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uprising in the occupied West in Lebanon could not be considered as illegal," he said. Bank and Gaza Strip. southern Fao oil terminal which Shultz does not expect START before summit

MOSCOW (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz held out little hope Friday that a strategic arms treaty could be signed at next month's superpowthe funeral of his deputy, the er summit, but said improved U.S.-Soviet ties would still make mediation and secret Syrian-PLO it important.

After two days of talks with Soviet leaders. Shultz told a news Zaanoun said Arafet would conference that progress on other visit Syria very soon for a meeting aspects of arms control and huwith President Hafez Al Assad. man rights would lend substance PLO political department chief Farouk Kaddoumi told reporters to the summit scheduled for May Thursday that "there are no 29 to June 2 in Moscow. obstacles," for Arafat to meet

Moscow and Washington — was now out of reach, he said: "It does get more difficult as time "But nevertheless I think it's

important to maintain a strong level of effort and we will continue to do that." Shultz said he and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevard-

nadze would meet again before the summit. No time or date had yet been fixed but the logistics would be worked out in the next few days.

the Iran-Iraq war and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He said Moscow believed the April 18 U.S.-Iranian clash in the Gulf had complicated prospects for a United Nations arms embargo on Iran which Washington is trying to persuade to Soviets to

U.S. officials said the Soviet Union appeared unwilling to anger Iran because of Tehran's possible influence on the Afghanistan settlement.

invested with substantial powers to impose an agreement but Washington sees it as an umbrella for bilateral talks between Israel and the Arabs.

Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev suggested Friday to Shultz that "maybe we're marking time" in superpower relations.

But Shultz disagreed. "From our point of view, we are far from marking time," he said. "We are keeping time in a very strong

hijackers landed there. The hijackers released their remaining 31 hostages — who suffered the longest captivity on a plane in the history of hijacking where hijackers released 57 passengers and crew.

and machete attack on French Noumea. gendarmes Friday, killing four of them, injuring five and taking after a bloody clash and exchange more than 20 hostage.

Minister Jacques Chirac, a candi- some of them reinforcements sent date in a presidential election from France ahead of the Sunday, convened a crisis meeting of his cabinet that lasted more boycotted by the separatists.

than three hours.

has rushed 3,000 troops to the cles to a remote underground Pacific territory ahead of the came where they are holding presidential and regional elec- them hostage. Mahmud promised lawmakers

and guns, stormed an army en- search of the Kanak hideout.

separatists in French-ruled New ringed island of Ouvea. 140 Caledonia staged a bloody gun kilometres from the capital.

Eyewitnesses told Reuters that: of shots the indigenous Kanaks In Paris, right-wing Prime overpowered the gendarmes. weekend vote which is being

The Kanuks then ordered a Socialist President François group of between 20 to 26 gen-Mitterrand, standing for a new darmes to undress, put on their term, called for "an explanation" uniforms and drove the soldiers of the situation from Chirac, who in commandeered military vehi-

Defence Ministry officials said Police said four paramilitary 200 men, including crack gengendarmes were hacked and shot darme paratroopers, had been to death when around 30 hooded flown from Noumes and were Kanaks, wielding axes, machetes combing thick underbrush in

Pakistani panel to report on arms blast; U.S. may face lawsuit

ISLAMABAD (AP) — An investigative panel Friday readied its report to the Pakistan government on the cause of an April 10 ammunition depot explosion that killed more than 100 people and injured over 1.000.

Meantime, spokesmen for the country's leftist political opposition threatened to sue the United States, the alleged supplier of the thousands of bombs, rockets and shells that rained over the capital and the neighbouring city of

Rawalpindi-"The only hitch in suing the U.S. is the lack of admissible evidence regading America's connection," attorney Pervez Hasan of the Tehrik-i-Istaqlal Party said this week.

parliament Thursday that the danger of more explosions at the massive Ojehri munitions depot had passed.

Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo promised full public disclosure of the investigation after a cabinet subcommittee examined the report, which was expected to take a week.

President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq has said he suspects sabotage. But officials have remained tight-lipped about all details except the relief and clean-up efforts, which are expected to continue for weeks.

Washington have been quoted in the U.S. media as saying the blast wiped out a major portion of occurred. Defence Minister Rana Nacem arms supplies earmarked for

Kabul government and the Soviet troops who support it. Mahmud said 280 Pakistan

army teams, plus three four-man teams of U.S. munitions experts, have collected or destroyed nearly 30,000 missiles and shells lying around the adjacent cities.

He gave the official casualty count as 103 dead and over 1,200 wounded but did not account for people still missing. Pakistani newspapers said that could range in the hundreds or the thousands.

U.S. embassy officials in Islamabad have refused comment on Unidentified officials in the quantity of American-supplied munitions being stored at the depot or how the explosion

The diplomats have admitted Mahmud told a joint session of Afghan guerrillas fighting the they are among the few in the

U.S. State Department who are forbidden to discuss Washington's eight-year military support of the Afghan Mujahedeen.

However, reports from Washington allege the Ojehri explosion was triggered by bombs planted ahoard trucks by Soviet-Afghan agents trying to prevent an arms build-up for the Mujahedeen in the face of a Soviet troop withdrawal accord.

Several subsequent explosions have rocked the depot, one of which killed two army troopers and injured nine, since the big blast April 10. But Mahmud told parliament Thursday that dangerous "hot spots" finally have cooled down.

"I can say with confidence that there is nothing to fear now." he

told the lawmakers.

Nevertheless, Pakistani newspapers have quoted unidentified officials as saying two to three times more ordnance remains unexploded at Ojchri. They claim it is now unstable and will continue to pose a threat until it is removed from the capital area and its five million people.

Hassan said if the U.S. connection is established, he and other Pakistani lawyers will go to Washington to file suit on behalf of thousands of Pakistanis killed. maimed or rendered homeless in the disaster.

that all the facts of the disaster would be disclosed.

"We have nothing to hide from the nation," be said.

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between human and financial re-

wars and unrest that prevails

everywhere in our region from

areas has its direct impact on the Prince said. others, "The Iranian threat to the "Despite our insistence and continuous efforts to achieve security of the Gulf eventually peace, the situation in our region threatens economies of the countries of Fertile Crescent region, continues to be a source of injust as it is the case with the war creasing concern for the whole with Israel which might lead to world because of the conflicts,

from Japan's economic and tech- sources. Consequently, he said,

nological support," the Crown what takes place in one of these

His Majesty King Hussein, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and other senior

officials pray at the Prince Hassan Mosque Friday (Petra photo)

officials. Cabinet members, the speakers and members of the

Upper and Lower House of Parliament, former prime ministers.

the chief Islamic justice. Muslim scholars, presidents of Jordanian

universities, heads of trade unions and diplomatic missions in

The Crown Prince welcomed Afghanistan to Palestine." he cooperation with Japan in the Prince Hassan noted that field of science and technology migration of labour from Jordan and called for enhancing such and the Eastern Mediterranean to cooperation to achieve integration the Arab Peninsula and the Gulf and balance between japan and region had created an unpre- countries of the region.

closing oil pumping stations or

water pipelines." he said.

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Crown Prince congratulates Iraq AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has sent a cable of congratulations to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein

congratulating him for Iraq's liberation of the Fao peninsula. The Crown Prince also sent a cable of congratulations to the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabab congratulating him on the safe release of the hostages aboard a hijacked Kuwaiti airliner. Prince Hassan praised the steadfastness of the Kuwaiti people and their firm and courageous stand.

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai was quoted Thursday as paying tribute to the Iraqi armed forces for liberating Fao. Rifai told the Iraqi News Agency (INA) that the iraqi victory was served an honour to the Arab military institution. "The victory of the Iraqi armed forces at the Fao," he said, "was a victory for

Rifai paid tribute to the Iraqi people and their armed forces for their success and lauded Iraq's call on Iran to stop the conflict.

Former hostages taste freedom in Kuwait

Jordan and the Arab Nation at large."

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Freed hostages from a hijacked Kuwaiti inched their way home through airliner returned to their homes thousands of cheering welland families early Friday to celebrate the end of 15 days of captivity under threat of death. "Welcome home superdad."

said a sign in the home of Subhi Naim Youssef, the Iraqi pilot of Boeing 747, who embraced his wife and four children for the first time since the ordeal ended Wednesday.

a traditional homecoming end of the lo-day siege. Officials celebration.

— in Algiers Wednesday.

heroes' welcome at the airport late Thursday night. Girl scouts showered them with flower petals, white doves were released into the air and the emir, the hijacked Kuwait Airways Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al

Sabah, personally embraced each Western diplomatic sources said meanwhile they had evi-Friends and neighbours dence the hijackers had reached gathered in the street outside Beirut after Algerian officials where they slaughtered a sheep in allowed them to go free at the

The 29 Kuwaitis among them

wishers after a spectacular

at the Beinut aimort denied the The former hostages said conditions were calmer in Mashhad

Kanaks kill, seize French Shultz's session with Gor-On the Middle East, Shultz said the superpowers still differed bachev in the gilded Catherine's Asked whether a strategic arms The U.S. secretary of state said troops in New Caledonia Hall followed nine hours of talks on the scope of an international (START) treaty by the summit there was little progress on other conference. Moscow wants this with Shevardnadze. There was no official Syrian which had been set as a goal by regional issues discussed, notably NOUMEA (Agencies) - Kanak campment in the small lugoon-

'Superpower cooperation prerequisite for Mideast peace'

(Continued from page 1) Prince Hassan and Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath and the accompanying delegation Friday attended a reception held in their honour by the Jordanian-Japanese Friendship Society.

Addressing the audience, Prince Hassan thanked the president and members of the society for giving them the opportunity to meet with the society members. Prince Hassan, also said that

the visit provided an opportunity for him to meet with Japanese officials and called on the society to continue work towards strengthening bridges of cooperation between Jordan and Japan.

Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath visited the ancient capital city of Kyoto Friday. Early on Friday, they visited

the industrial capital of Osaka. Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath were guests of honour at a banquet at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo Thursday. It was hosted by Japanese Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko and attended by senior Japanese officials and the Jordanian delegation accompanying the Prince on the

Earlier, Prince Hassan met with the presidents of five major Japanese economic organisations and discussed means of promoting cooperation between Jordanian and Japanese private sectors in research, technical and tourist affairs and in joint economic ven-

group welcomed Prince Hassan and paid tribute to Jordanian-Japanese relations.

encountered and overcame numerous difficulties and maintained the struggle over many years. He paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein's efforts and to Prince Hassan's endeavours to achieve prosperity for the Jordanian people.

The spokesman expressed hope that Japan would contribute to the implementation of Jordan's five-year national development plan and said that the Jordanian investment seminar held in Japan was bound to offer new incentives two superpowers to help bring for bilateral cooperation.

In reply, Prince Hassan expressed deep satisfaction over Jordanian-Japanese ties and said they were entering into a new phase of fruitful cooperation.

Prince Hassan expressed Jordan's appreciation of Japan's positive role as a world economic power, enhancing the cause of peace and security. He said Jordan admires Japan's technological achievements and its en-

deavours to employ them towards advancing the world community's development.

Prince Hassan said Jordan was ready to maintain full cooperation A spokesman for the Japanese with Japan for the benefit and

progress of the Arab region. The Prince accompanied by Princess Sarvath visited Japan's He said Jordan, like Japan, television and radio corporation Thursday.

> Whiel at the TV station, Prince Hassan spoke in an interview about the Middle East question, the Gulf war and the Afghan issue. He also discussed Japanese-Jordanian relations.

> Later, accompanied by the Japanese Crown Prince, he visited a Japanese scientific research centre some 70 kilometres from

> Later, Prince Hassan spoke at the Tokyo Press Club urging the about peace to the Middle East through a complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied terri-' tories. He also praised Japan's role in helping the countries of the Middle East to achieve prosperity,

> stability and peace. He said Jordan welcomes the new U.S. peace initiative to stimulate the search for peace in the Middle East and noted that Jordan had provided U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz with a

six-point document summing up Jordan's views with regard to a lasting settlement.

Prince Hassan said that the document reflects the stand of the Arab Nation.

Jordan and the Arabs also look with hope to fruitful superpower cooperation for ending the Gulf conflict based on U.N. Security Council Resolution 598, Prince Hassan said.

Prince Hassan praised Japan's policy of unarmed diplomacy. "Japan... out of its own free will and initiative, has chosen to promote global peace and progress through non-military means," Prince Hassan told re-

porters. "It is no exaggeration to say that the outstanding moral implications for mankind of this development are unparalleled in human history."

The Prince denounced Israel' continuing occupation of Arab territories, saying it "has hothoused and cultivated the extremist (Israel) claims to fear."

"No party can be subjected by an occupying power to the politics of status quo," he said. "Jordan stands for self-determination and not for self-rule. And self-determination is, by definition, a cumulative package of human

Jordan: Israel should not go unpunished for killing Abu Jihad

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Belonogov called the slaving "another act of the policy of state terrorism which has long been practiced by Israel."

The Soviets joined a growing list of nations condemning Israel for the assassination. Most have singled Israel out by name. A few, such as Britain and France. have not. But their words were still harsh.

Many speakers have told the council the assassination further hampers the prospects of a Middle East peace settlement. "The shots in Tunisia are shots

against peace in the Middle East," Yugoslav Ambassador Dragoslav Pejic said. Many diplomats say they ex-

Tunisia's condemnation resolu-Jordan told the council the

pect the United States to veto

assassination of Abu Jihad was

a flagrant violation of United Nations principles and international laws and requested U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to follow up the matter and the Security Council to take appropriate measures with regard to the situation.

U.N. permanent representative, Abdullah Salah, in a speech Thursday.

"The attack, apart from being a violation of Tunisia's territorial integrity and national sovereignty, was directed against one of the most prominent leaders of the Palestinian people and represents one more aspect of Israel's continued aggression on the Palestinian people inside and outside the occupied Arab territory," Salah said. Israel, he noted, has been justifying its practices as being a form of retaliation against the struggle of the Palestinian people whom it describes as car-

rying out terrorist acts. "But it should be emphasised that the Palestinian struggle inside the occupied territories and the uprising in the West Bank and the Gaza came in response to Israel's occupation and as a form of rejection of Israel's rule and in Jordan's call came through its expression of the population's de-

sire for freedom," he said. He said all forms of terrorism in the Middle East region stem from Israel and its practices. "It is. indeed the leaders of the Zionist movement who first introduced terrorism in Palestine, setting the scene for their followers to pursue terrorist policies against the local population," he said.

Salab, who delivered his speech on behalf of the Islamic group at the United Nations, said that by killing Abu Jihad Israel had hoped to stop the Palestinian uprising but "killing individuals can never stop the resistance and the just struggle of the Palestinian

people who are determined to regain their rights and their

He said the Palestinian people "have strong faith in their just cause and are bound to pursue the just struggle for liberation. Salah expressed the Islamic 9:10 Secret Army group's solidarity with the Palestinian people and the Tunisian government and said this group considers the killing as a outrageous crime for which Israel should not go unpunished.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres defended Friday Israel's decision to boycott the U.N. debate on the assassination of Abu Jihad, saying the Zionist state would not be put on trial for his death.

Peres contended in an interview with Israel Radio it was "inconceivable" for other countries to put Israel on trial at the Security Council.

Israeli soldiers storm Haram Al Sharif complex

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Israeli Radio reported a Palestinian was killed as troops opened fire in the city of Khan Yunis, bringing to 170 the number of Palestinians killed in the 19-week-old Palestinian uprising according to U.N. figures.

Thirteen Palestinians were wounded at the Jabaiya refugee camp near Gaza City when troops opened fire on protesters with live ammunition, while six Palestinians were injured by rubber bullets and beatings and five Israeli policemen by stones at Haram Al Sharif.

At prayers on the first Friday in the Holy Month of Ramadan, mosque preachers denounced Israel for the murder of Abu

Jihad and urged Palestinians to persist in the uprising against Israeli occupation.

Abu Jihad, deputy military commander of the PLO, was killed last Saturday at his home in Tunis. The Tunisian government and Israeli sources have said the slaying was carried out by Israeli government agents.

The clash with police in Haram Al Sharif came after Friday prayers attended by about 10,000 at the Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.

Police fired rubber bullets and used truncheons to disperse hundreds of stone-throwing demonstrators, AP photographer Max Nash said. He said the protesters carried black banners and Palestinian flags and chanted: "With our spirit and our blood, we will avenge Abu Jihad."

The clash marked the start of "eight days of anger" called by underground leaders of the Palestinian uprising over the assassination of Abu Jihad.

In leaflets bearing Abu Jihad's picture, the leaders of the uprising also ordered Palestinians to step up attacks with "stones, petrol bombs, metal balls and slingshots" to avenge the leader's death.

More than 400,000 of the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied territories were under curfew for the sixth straight day in the occupied territories Friday. | said.

Iraq says target sunk

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He said Iran could also have used its failure to capture Iraq's southern city of Basra the same year as an excuse to end the war. We would have kept silent in one way or another," Hussein

The Iraqi leader ridiculed Iranian calls for volunteers to launch new offensives against Iraq. "Let them attack on 10 war fronts... haven't they had the ability to attack on two, three or four fronts and not done so?" he

JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — April 23, 1988

8:30 Yes Prime Minister Power of the People

9:10 Sat. variety show

10:00 News in English 10:20 Feature Film Turning Point

Starring: Shirley MacLaine, Anne Baucroft Sun. — April 24, 1988

8:30 My Husband and I On the Carpet

9:10 World in Flames The programme focuses on the life of some famous characters like Joseph Stalin, Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler and their roles during World War II.

10:00 News in English

10:20 Detective Series

11:10 Rich man, poor man

Mon. — April 25, 1988

8:30 Perfect Stranger Perfect strangers is the perfect new comedy series for all. Life will never be the same when a

stranger cousin from a distant

land comes to stay with an all

American young man.

10:00 News in English

10:20 Feature Film

Death Wish-I

Starring: Charles Bronson, Vincent Gardenia

Paul Kersey a liberal N.Y City architect is notified by the police that his wife was beaten to death and his daughter, was savagely raped by muggers. He purses his own law and order, to take his revenge.

Tue. — April 26, 1988

8:30 No Place Like Home

9:10 Stand By! light! camera! action!

This film shows the tricks that are made by the cinema experts to produce horror movies showing wild animals, etc.

10:00 News in English

10:20 Murder She Wrote Jesecu looks for a man believed to be dead. She knows that he is working with a circus and decides to follow him.

11:10 Rich man, poor man

Wed. — April 27, 1988 8:30 The Spectacular World of

Guinness Records The Spectacular World Of Guinness presents the biggest, the wildest, the most incredible peo-

ple, facts and feats ever to appear on television. Based on the Guinness Book Of World Records, the top-selling book in publishing history. The Spectacular World Of Guinness combines the most proven programming ingredients of spectacle, action, drama, comedy, and star appeal. But the Spectacular World Of Guinness also offers a unique and irresistible twist - every amazing accom-

9:00 Hooper Man

9:30 Tales of the Unexpected

10:20 Napoleon and Josephine

plishment is documented fact.

10:00 News in English

Napoleon and Josephine (Armand Assante and Jacqueline Bisset) are reunited. A royalist assassination plot fails. Napoleon and Josephine move into Versailles Palace and Napoleon declares himself Emperor of France, waging war on any country that objects. Because Josephine cannot produce an heir to the throne, Napoleon divorces her, but they remain lovers. Napoleon remarries and a son is soon born. But without Josephine, Napoleon's victories turn to defeat. Without Napoleon, Josephine soon dies. Forced to resign his throne, Napoleon must live out his days in exile.

Thur. — April 28, 1988

8:30 Charlie Chaplin Charlie Chaplin comedies in feature packages — mastered direct-

ly from tirst quality 35mm negatives. Fully speed -- corrected to original projection times. Aperture - adjusted to avoid crooping of image top and bottom.

9:10 Wish me Luck

10:00 News in English

10:20 Feature Film Lady in the Car

Starring: Samantha Eggar, Offver

Dany Lang, a young and somewhat frustrated girl is on her way to the southern coast of France. Miss Lang's boss, Michael Caldwell, along with his wife, has committed an involved murder and they are trying to pin it on it Dany.

- April 29, 1988

8:30 Growing Pains Dance Fever, Part II The dance continues. Maggie is still spinning records. Mike changes his mind about Lydiawhen he hears her voice and realises how stupid she is. Carol and Boner decide to ignore everyone else and dance together. Ben and Stinky end up at a dinner that has gambling They get caught and end up at the

9:10 Magnum

10:00 News in English-

10:20 Falcon Crest

11:10 Rich man, poor man



Charles Bronson stars in Death Wish, Monday at 10:20

TV & RADIO

JORDAN TELEVISION Tel: 773111-19 PROGRAMME ONE 14:29 Programme review

14:25	Cartoons
	Children's series
	Religious programme
15:45	Ramadan puzzie
16:05	Arabic play
16:45	Cooking programme
17:00	Religious series
	Health and Fasting
17:40	Arabic comedy
	Ramadan contest
19:00	Religious programmes
19:30 .	Varieties programme
20:00 .	News in Arabic
20:30	Arabic series
21:38	Puzzles from all over the world
22:00 .	Historical series
23:00 .	News Summary in Arabic
	Arabic series
	Arabic play
	Religious programme
PROG	RAMME TWO
	Le chevalier de pardaillon

22:20 .. Feature film: "Turning Point" RADIO JORDAN 855 KHz. AM & 90 MHz. FM

20:30 Yes, Prime Minister

21:10 Saturday Variety Show

22:00 News in English

(French series)

..... News in French

..... Sports Bloopers

..... News in Hebrew

..... News in Arabic

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67:00	Morning Show	
07:30	Newsdesk	
08:00	Morning Show	
10:00	News Summary	
10:05	Morning Show Contd.	
11:90	Hitsville: The Story of Motown	
12:60	News Summary	
12:05	Pop Session	
13:00	News Summary	
13:05	Pop Session	
14:00	News Bulletin	
14:30	Jordan Weekly	
	Concert Hour	
16:00	News Summary	
	Instrumentals/Old [avourites	
	Special Feature	
	Good Old Days	1
18:90	News Summary	
18:05	Top Twenty	
19:00	Newsdesk/Music	
20:00	The Young Sound	1
20:30	Discovering Music	1
21:00	The Musical in Review	•

22:00 Country Music 23:00 Classical Concerts 24:00 Close Down **BBC WORLD SERVICE**

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News Summary 23:30 Meridian 24:00

News Summary followed by Squaring

the Triangle 60:15 The Seven Ages of

Man 80:30 People and Politics 91:00

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TODAY'S EVENTS

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

★ Exhibition of photographs of Jordan at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

★ The British Council is showing an exhibition of work by British illustrators. There is also a continuous showing of the video "7 Illustrators at Work" throughout the exhibition. * North Korean art exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre. **VIDEOS**

> tles) at 8:30 p.m. at the Goethe Insti-CULTURAL CENTRES

Cultural Centre.

में "Images et animations electroni-

ques" at 4:00 p.m. at the French

* "Eliot, the Smiling Monster" (Ger-

man for children) at 4:00 p.m. and

"Heimst" (German with Eng. subti-

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MUSEUMS	

"Children's Herltage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m - 6:00 pm. Closed on Friday.

Folkiere Museum; Jewelry and cos-

tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics

from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th

centuries). The Roman Theatre, Am-

man. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Year-round. Tel. 651760.

quities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays. Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

Jordon Archaeological Museum: Has

an excellent collection of the anti-

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Chib. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel. 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00

man. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534. CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic)

Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Am-

Jabai Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Amuniciation (Roman Catholic) Japal Luweibdeh, Tel. De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757. Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic). Jahal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 622366 Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541. Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 625383. chaplain's residence tel. 601359. Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich, Tel. 771331. Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-5ch. Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich, Tel. 771751. Amman International Church (Inter-

denominational): meets at Southern

Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel.

Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church

of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Ara-

bic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N.

Smir 811295).

FOR THE TRAVELLER QUEEN ALIA

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should always be verified.

INTERNATIONAL

AIRPORT

ARRIVALS **ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS** (Terminal 1)

10:30 Damascus (RJ)

19:39 Karachi, Dubai (RJ)

10-50 Dhahran (RJ)

10:55 Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (RI)

17:45 Cairo (RJ)

18:35 New York, Vienna (RJ) 18:40 Athens (RJ) 19:05 ... Copenhagen, Frankfurt, (RJ) 20:40 Tripoli (RJ)

OTHER I	FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)
02:45	Belgrade, Istanbul (JU)
12:30	Baghdad (IA)
14:35	Kawait (KU)
	Tripcli (LN)
	Riyadh (SV)
	Cairo (MS)
	Rome (AZ)
	Frankfurt, Damascus (LH)
	Paris, Damascus (AF)

DEPARTURES **ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS** (Terminal 1)

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96:80	Aqaba (RJ)
11:45	Tripoli (RJ)
12:00	Tripoli (RJ) Vienna, New York (RJ)
12:36	Athens (RJ)
12:36	Paris (RJ)
12:45	Rome, Madrid (RI)
	Geneva, Brussels (RJ)
13:06	London (RJ)
13:00	Frankfurt (RI)
13:30	
	Kuwait (RJ)
	Bahrain, Doha (RJ)
21:00	Jeddah (RJ)
21:45	Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)
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OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

04:05 Istanbul, Belgrade (JU)

06:28 Damascus. Frankfurt (LH)

09:15 Beirut (ME)

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18:29 Cairo (MS) 18:55 Damascus (AZ) PRAYER TIMES

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MONEY EXCHANGE

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Belgian franc	. 95.7/	97.4
Dulch guilder	178.6	181.7
French franc		
Italian lira	. 26.9/	27.4
Japanese yez (for 100)	267.6	. 272.5
Swedish crown	. 56.9/	57.9
Swiss franc	242.2/	246.6
U.K. sterling pound	629.6	643
U.S. dollar	333.2/	338.4
W. German mark		

WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

A slight increase in temperature is expected, with northwesterly moderate winds. In Agaba, winds will be north-

	Min./max.	tem
Amman		107
Aqaba	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	18/2
Deserts		12/2
Jordan Valley		

Amman 35 per cent, Aquana 23 per

USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

EMERGENCIES NIGHT DUTY

Civil Defence Irbid ... 271293, 273131 Civil Defence Quweismeh 770733 Civil Defence Deir Alla 57306 Ambulance 193, 775111
Amman downtown fire brigade 198 Blood Bank 778303 Civil Defence rescue 661111 Fire headquarters 622090-3 Police rescue 192, 621111, 637777 Police headquarters 639141 Traffic police...... 896390/1 Electric Power Co. 636381/4, 624881

HOSPITALS

Municipal water complaints 771125/8

Queen Alia Intl. Airport (08)53330/60

Hussein Medical Centre 813813/32 Khalidi Maternity, J. Amn ... 644281/6 Akileh Maternity, J. Amn.... 642441/2 Jahal Amman Maternity..... Malhas, J. Amman Palestine, Shmeisani 669131 Shmeisani Hospital University Hospital 84584.5/65 Al-Muasher Hospital 667227/9 The Islamic, Abdali 666127/37 Al-Ahii. Abdali Italian, Al-Muhajreen 777101/3 Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafich 775111/26 Army, Marka 891611/15

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AMMAN: Dr. Othman Mustafa. Dr. Zein Zaghlool Dr. Ramzi Mezzawi

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Telephone information

Jordan and Middle East calls

Price complaints

Overseas calls

Amal Hospital 674155 Repair service... MARKET PRICES

Upper/lower price in fils per kg. Apple (French) 420 / 360 Apple (green) 470 / 400 Apple (Lebenese) 300 / 250 Banana 300 / 240 Banana (Mukammar) 300 / 240 Beans 320 / 280 Beans (broad) 240 / 200" - Cabbage 150 / 100 Gauliflower (White) 200 / 160 Cucumbers 340 / 280

Marrow Peas 240 / 200 Pepper (bot) 420 / 360 Pepper (sweet) 420 / 320

Tomatoes
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-indawi irges efforts o modernise *aducational The Land OFOCESS

IMMAN -(I.T.). - Deputy 'rime Minister and Minister of Iducation Thougan Al-Hindawi ias called for continued efforts to levelop and modernise the eduational process.

d girl is on a sering greater efforts to achieve on coast of Jordan's first educa-Mide ional conference held here last

trying 'Mr. Hindawi's call came during lying to he meeting of the committee on ducation which he chaired oril 29 hursday, to seview the progress by education throughout the ountry and problems facing the g Paine ducational sector.

The ministry secretary generintinues, jul. Dr. Radi Al Waqfi; reviewed g. record is achievements made so far mind about om the recommendations of the her inducational conference, and said Tupid the hat a new draft law for education decide in 1 Jordan was in its final stages.

Dr. Wagfi also pointed out that har har ational teams were working on hal has few curriculum for the compul-

MMAN (J.T.) — An exhibition

overing a period of nine centur-

25 will be on show at the British

Concil in Amman from April 23

The British Council will be

howing an exhibition of works

by British illustrators covering a

ride range of styles and techni-

ges; and there will be con-

nuous showings of a video

illustrators at work" throughout

tic exhibition. The video will

now contemporary artists at

work, using a variety of techni-

ues for subjects varying from

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ely figure in British publishing

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he early stages of printing which

eveloped into a variety of tech-

iques for illustration including

codeuts, printing, engraving

In the eighteenth century these

frocesses were still being per-

ried but a tradition of observa-

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shed. In the Victorian period —

he nineteenth century — the

lustrators' technique was even

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J.K. illustrators to start



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh inaugurates the new administration building at Al Bashir Hospital in Amman Thursday (Petra photo)

Hamzeh inaugurates administration building at Al Bashir hospital

AMMAN (J.T.) - Health Minis- at an area of 2,416 square metres, ter Zaid Hamzeh Thursday inau- to accommodate the medical reggurated the JD 194,000 new

administration building at Al Bashir Hospital, which was built Exhibition of works by

> more in demand as journals pro-This century has seen the commercial art of the illustrator and the art of the printer grow apart. But new developments in colour printing, which gave impetus to colour magazines and children's books, created fresh opportunities for illustrators. In recent years it would seem illustration

Caxton is a well known name, but the five centuries bring us from Caxton to Chole. This is Chole Cheese, a typical young British illustrator — perhaps not a household name, but certainly someone whose work is recognised. Her works and the works of other young illustrators demonstrate the techniques of illus-

and fine arts have grown closer

tration are still alive today. . The illustrations, from the year 1000 to the present day, will cover a wide range of subjects and the exhibition will be supported by a small book exhibition of general and reference books on the art of illustration, of books about specific illustrators, and of a limited number of illustrated books for children and adults. The exhibition will be open to

all from 8.30 a.m. till_6.00 p.m.

isters, administration, assembly hall and library.

Hamzeh, accompanied by Al Bashir Hospital Director Abdul Aziz Al Shraideh, toured the various sections of the hospital, including the centres for radiology, nucleur medicine, cancer, forensic medicine, physiotherapy and rehabilitation, and the sera and vaccines unit.

The minister also touted the new burns treatment section, currently under construction, where surgeries for burns will be performed and intensive care units for burns will be set up. The section will accommodate 30 patients.

Hamzeh also toured the comprehensive health centre and the ambulance and emergency sec-

tion, currently under construction, to replace the old buildings. The minister concluded his tour by a visit to the Nursing Instructors Training Institute, which will be operational at the beginning of

At the centre of nuclear medione. Hamzeh was briefed by the head of the section, Samir At Kayed, on the centre's activities in treating all kinds of tumours.

Kayed said 600 new cases have been treated at the centre, while the number of patients who called at the section's outpatient clinics totalled 3.000, of whom 1,800 patients were treated by the newly-introduced cobalt equipment.

The ministry purchased two cobalt equipment at a total cost of JD 170,000, and a scanning unit costing JD 300,000 which will be put into operation in September.

France honours heads of Archaeology Department

AMMAN (J.T.) - French Ambassador to Jordan Patrick Leclercq, Thursday bestowed upon Dr. Adnan Hadidi, Director General of the Department of Antiquities and Dr. Fawzi Zayyadine, Assistant-Director General, the insigna of "Chevalier de l' Ordre des Arts et Lettres," as a token of the French authorities' appreciation and gratitude, for their outstanding contribution to the development of Franco-Jordanian cooperation in

the field of archaeology. This ceremony took place in the presence of Mrs. de Cosse-

Brissac, in charge of international cooperation in the field of archaeology at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

While giving to the two Jordanian personalities their decoration, the French Ambassador underlined that France was proud to participate in the work of promotion of the exceptional archaeological heritage of

The cooperation carried in this field is one of the most gratifying illustration of the quality of the relations between both countries.



N. KOREAN EXHIBITION: A four-day North Korean art exhibition was opened at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman Thursday. The centre's Director General Isam Arida opened the exhibition which displays 50 photographs depicting the natural environment, culture and public heritage in North Korea.

VIMAN (Petra) — Organisers

Journ reviews tourism

programme in past winter

tourism groups from Finland. an to operate weekly air trips om Helsinki to Aqaba as of ctober 1988 at the rate of two of. ree flights a week, according to E Nostatement issued by the Minis-

said that the organisers in-Dell rmed the Minister of Tourism uhair Ajlouni of their programe at a meeting Thursday during - The past winter season's opera--- 'ans. His Majesty King Hussein's isit to Finland was instrumental prompting the weekly tourist sits to the port city of Aqaba in ac winter season, the organisers

said at the meeting. They paid tribute to the Jordanian government's endeavours which they said facilitated the programme, and paved the way for the expansion in the coming

Each flight as of October will bring in 200 Finnish tourists to Agaba, and the southern regions of the Kingdom, according to the organiscrs.

.The ministry's statement said that the tourism authorities in Jordan will be organising national folkloric activities in Agaba, and has plans for a similar programme at the Dead Sea.

MATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BUDIN RETURNS: Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Agravan Dudin returned to Amman Thursday evening after taking rati in the funeral of Khalil Al Wazir in Damascus. Wazir died when ie was shot by an Israeli raiding unit at his home in Tunis last week. - to had served as the deputy commander of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

37UNE! MINISTER: Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in stunci wili visit Jordan in June for talks with his Jordanian cuniterpart in bilateral relations and cooperation in Islamic affairs. * HAN JAILED FOR 2 YEARS: The military court has sentenced Chalil Musa Kamel Al Smeiri to two years imprisonment and fined : 12 450 for embezzlement of public funds. The military governor indorsed the sentence.

BUBLIC SAFETY: The Civil Defence Department in Balga governorate is taking a series of safety measures to limit the iccurrence of accidents and to promote awareness of public safety iniong citizens in the governorate. The measures include the use of posters calling on travellers not to throw away eigarettes from car is indows to avoid fires, and to inspect swimming pools and water

anals to avoid drowning accidents. JBRARY SCIENCES: A two-day course on library sciences pened Friday at the secondary school in Zarqa in which 48 different ibrarians participated. The course, which was opened by the director of education in the Zarqa governorate, will include different courses viertaining to library sciences.

JULTURAL SHOW: A cultural show, which was held at the Technical Training Centre in Ain Al Basha on the occasion of Namadan, ended in Salt Friday after a week filled with religious, apliural and educational lectures in addition to sports and art empetitions.

BUILDING PROJECTS: The secretary general of the Ministry of Public Works toured Friday government building projects under enstruction in the Irbid area. At the end of his tour the secretary cheral expressed relief over the work level and said that the Al Hussein Sports City and the nursing college projects will be finished my the end of next year.

Traditional handicraft school to open in '88

AMMAN (J.T) — A school teaching traditional handicrafts will be opened as of the 1988-1989 scholastic year and will accept students who completed their third preparatory classes. according to Mr. Anis Muasher who is a member of the school's board of trustees.

The project which is being operated by Salt Development Corporation (SDD), in cooperation with the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF), will be offering students three-year training courses in various types of crafts, Muasher noted in an interview with the local Arabic daily Al Dustour.

Referring to other projects Muasher said that the SDD is involved in a project for the development of the central regions of Salt, restoring the ancient buildings in the city and encouraging people to carry out projects that can contribute to the success of preserving the ancient

and traditional structures. The SDD he said is keen on stimulating touristic and cultural life in the city and reviving the traditional handicrafts at the same time.

The SDD has contracted a British firm and the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) to help carry out the restoration projects which will be implemented with government assistance. Muasher noted.

The SDD complex in Salt includes, in addition to the school, a mosque seating 4,000 worshippers, a museum and a multi purpose hall.

The complex also includes stores, a shopping centre and a cultural centre which can be used for cultural exhibitions, according to Muasher

He said that SDD is thinking of organising an annual cultural event at the centre to highlight various cultural activitiy in

Muasher gave particulars about education offered to brilliant students at the SDD model school, and said that nearly 150 students are now receiving education at the school which graduated its first batch in July 1987.

The SDD has offered three promising students scholarships to continue their higher studies in Jordanian universities, and plans to expand the scholarship scheme in the future, Muasher noted,

He said that the SDD is cooperating with the University of Jordan to provide advanced and more detailed training to students of its school and is enlisting the help of university teachers

in this endeavour. Muasher noted that the Canadian government has contributed the equipment for the language centre, and these have been installed to provide better training facilities for the students.



Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday attends the monthly group lesson for the students of the National Music Conservatory at the

Royal Cultural Centre in Amman (right) the students are seen during their practice (Petra photos)

Queen attends group lesson of national conservatory

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday attended the monthly group lesson for the Conservatory's string and brass tors and 65 students. and woodwind classes at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman.

a Noor Al Hussein Foundation project, the conservatory was based at the Royal Cultural Censtudents of the National Music tre, and began with two instruc-

The conservatory recently Inaugurated in October 1986 as moved to its permanent premises

and its student enrollment has reached 107 girls and boys who receive instruction by nine Jordanian teachers of violin, viola, cello, trumpet, trombone and saxophone.

The conservatory applies a new successful teaching method in its States.

String Program — the Rolland Pedagogy, which stresses proper balance and control through natural body movement and eniovable learning environment.

It is being used in a number of music programmes in England, Switzerland and the United



SPRING FESTIVAL: Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday opened a two-day spring festival at Um Al Kundum, south west of Amman. The exhibition displays embroideries and knitware by women at Bani Hamida district. The Queen toured parts of the

exhibition, inspecting the various items. The exhibition was organised by the Save the Children Fund an the Noor Al Hussein Foundation to highlight national tradition and focus on the role of rural women in Jordan (Petra photos).

Female student dies in fire

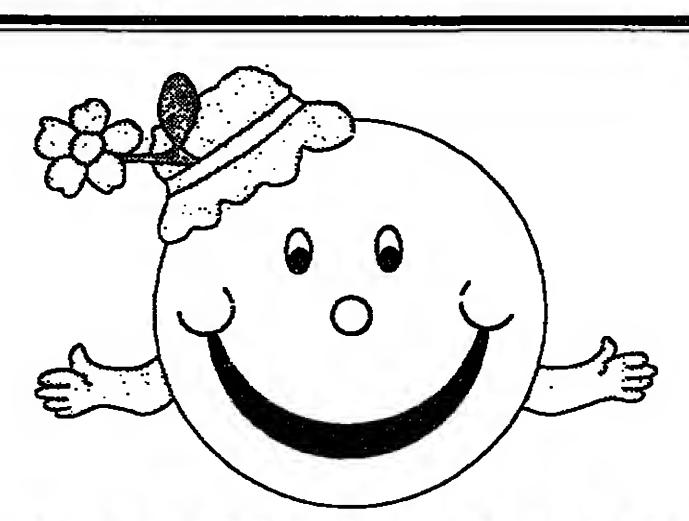
AMMAN (J.T.) - A female death of a 23-year-old man near stove in her home in the Karak governorate. Al Dustour newspaper said that the stove was in

student died in a fire caused by a Irbid. It said that a tractor knocked down the man causing his death. In the Karak region, it said, a seven year old child of the bathroom when it caused the Egyptian nationality died when fire. The paper also reported the she fell in a pool of water.

UAE seeks Jordanian teachers

AMMAN (J.T.) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has approached Jordan's Ministry of Education for Jordanian teachers to be sent to work in UAE schools in the 1988-1989 scholastic year. Al Dustour newspaper said that the ministry in Amman has received a request for dispatching 240 Jordanian teachers to work in

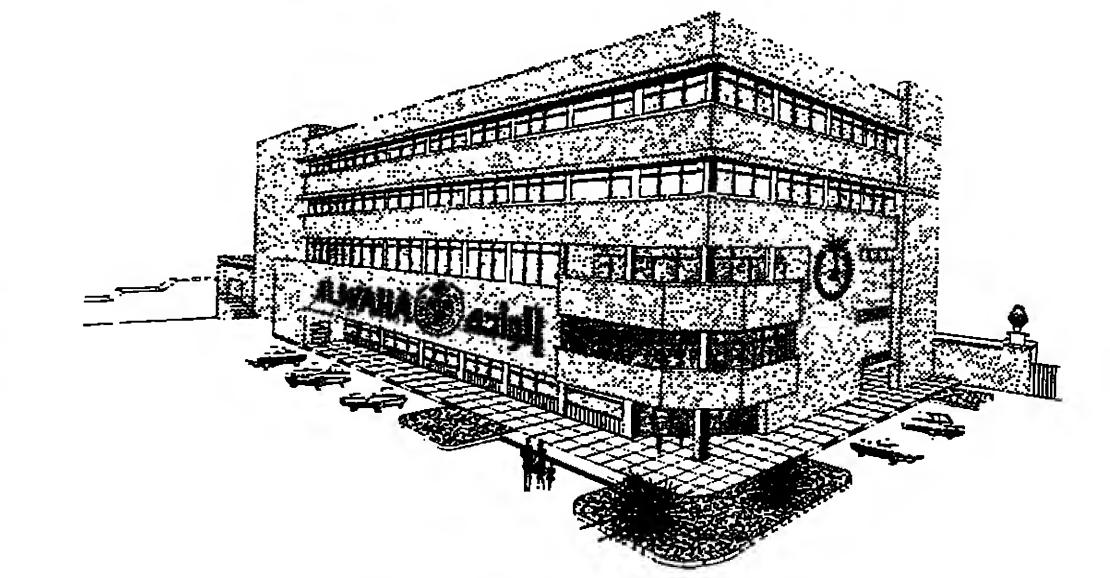
the UAE, provided that they all carry university degrees and a post



graduate diplomas.

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Jordan Times

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Friday's

Al Ra'i: Superpowers' talks

THE foreign ministers of the Soviet Union and the United States Thursday began talks in Moscow to prepare for the next U.S.-Soviet superpower summit meeting in the Soviet capital. According to reports, the Middle East question will be among the most prominent subjects for discussion now and during the summit which will be held next month. Reports also say that the United States was determined to advocate its new peace proposals for resolving the Middle East problem during the summit meetings. But it should be noted that as the two foreign ministers opened talks in Moscow, the U.S. and Israel were signing a new pact, paving the way for increased cooperation between the U.S. and Israel in military, economic and technological fields. This agreement, it was noticed, followed Israel's deportation of Arab citizens from Palestine and an American veto of a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for condemnation of Israel's practices against the Arab population of Palestine. The American behaviour on the eve of the superpower summit indicates that Washington is not serious in its claims of carrying out a positive action to help convene the projected Middle East conference that would lay the solid foundation for a comprehensive peace in our region. It shows that the U.S. is keen on making a change in the stand of the Soviet Union towards the Middle East question and perhaps causing a split between Moscow and the Arab World.

Al Dustour: Military honours

THE liberation of the Fao peninsula was a great achievement by Iraq and should be considered as a great act of honour for the Arab military institution. The victory over the Iranian invaders is bound to increase self-confidence in the Arab soldiers and enhance the feeling of national pride in every Arab citizen. Iraq which is fighting off an Iranian invasion, has once again offered peace to the Tehran rulers whose dreams have been dashed away through the constant defeats inflicted on their troops in the battlefield. Iraq has chosen a moment of victory to offer peace once again from a position of strength and to tell the world that the Iraqis have no objectives but to defend their land and live in peace with their neighbours. Iraq has offered peace to Iran out of a deep feeling of responsibility, and in a bid to save the blood of Arab and Muslim people and put an end to devastation. As the Iraqis continue the drive towards peace there have been voices in the United States calling on the Reagan administration to increase U.S. presence in the Gulf waters, claiming that U.S. forces were required to protect American interests. The Iranian rulers who continue to ignore Iraqi peace bids are clearly inviting the United States to send in its naval forces to the Gulf, and thus widen the scope of the Gulf conflict. In addition, Iran's constant attacks on countries like Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates indicate that Tehran is keen on widening the war and putting further obstacles in the path of implementing U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 that could bring

Sawt Al Shaab: Appreciating Japan

PRINCE Hassan's visit to Japan and his talks with senior Japanese officials there reflect Jordan's determination to follow up the implementation of its development projects by benefitting from modern technology and from a leading power in that field. Japan has often expressed its appreciation of Jordan's drive to achieve progress and prosperity for its people and has pledged help and support for the Kingdom's development in all fields. There is no doubt that Prince Hassan with his ideas about development and through his endeavours will secure Japan's backing for the Kingdom's development schemes. His visit to Japan is bound also to enhance bilateral cooperation and increase Japan's confidence in the success of Jordan's plans. Japan, which has offered a \$300 million loan to Jordan recently, has proved with practical steps that bilateral relations were based on solid ground, and reflected Tokyo's feeling that Jordan has an important role to play in the Middle East and its future stability and peace.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Farewell to Abu Jihad

THE Arab Nation on Wednesday bid farewell to Abu Jihad, the Palestinian leader who was laid to rest in Damascus after being assassinated by Zionist elements while in the course of his efforts to offer service to his homeland and people. Abu Jihad is one of those martyrs who continually fall along the path of struggle to liberate Palestine and is one more martyr in the long chain of martyrs who paid with their souls so that their nation and people can live. This Israeli crime is not a novelty to us, because we realise that the Israeli aggressors carry a Nazi nature in their heads and continue to exercise terrorism against our people. What is strange, however, is to find some Arab people who still believe that their common enemy could be made to respond to reason and be committed to international principles. What the Arabs must understand is that Israelis should be dealt with in a manner that they understand, and should carry on the struggle with greater faith, armed with appropriate response to any of Israel's actions and possible eventualities. They ought to benefit from the lessons of the past and should be creative and inventive while they pursue the struggle for liberation. Of course the death of Abu Jihad will not stop the struggle and will not end the uprising which broke out for the sake of ending occupation. Indeed the Palestinian people's determination to liberate their land is being enhanced day by day. We are confident that Israeli terrorism will never succeed in imposing any capitulation of surrender on our people regardless of the forms of crimes committed against the Arabs.

Al Dustour: Collective punishments

AS Israel celebrates its 40th anniversary the people of the occupied Arab territory continue to live in a large prison guarded by criminals and troops practicing all forms of oppression against the Arab people. As if the crimes, the killings, the deportation and the starvation of the Palestinians were not enough, the Israeli rulers have embarked on collective punishments and mass arrests coupled by a siege on Arab cities, villages and refugee camps. These practices are being taken in a desperate move to end the popular revolt and the uprising which is being escalated day by day. These practices are being taken by soldiers who seem to have lost their senses and lost their initiative in dealing with the uprising. This uprising which is nearly five months old has become a daily business of the Arab people, and their steadfastness in the face of Israel's crimes is indeed exemplary. There can be no let up in the fight for freedom until the oppressors recognise the right of the Palestinians to self-determination in their own home land. Israel which celebrates its independence. feels well protected from sanctions for its violations and crimes. But it should realise that the challenges that faced it 40 years ago are the same and still exist in a more elaborate form than ever before.

Christian Zionism threatens unity of the Church

By Rev. Donald E. Wagner

The following is the last part of a study on Western fundamentalist Christian Zionism presented by the writer to a Middle East Council of Churches working group in Limassol, Cyprus in April, 1988. The Jordan Times serialised the study in four parts.

The international dimension of fundamentalist Christian Zionism

HERE we will concentrate on one organisation, the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem. (ICEJ) which is a selfproclaimed Christian Zionist institution and one which has an international vision for the promotion of this doctrine.

1. The ICEJ opened its doors in West Jerusalem on Sept. 30. 1980, with a ceremony attended by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and representatives of the Begin government. Its purpose was to establish an "embassy" in Jerusalem for the Christians of the world who would bring comfort and support to Israel and its policies. The timing of the opening was designed to offset the effect of several embassies withdrawing from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv in protest against Israel declaring Jerusalem as its "eternal

capitol" 2. The ICEJ is based upon a Christian fundamentalist approach to the Bible and utilises the premillennial dispensationalist approach, which sees Israel as the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy and the return of the "Promised Land" to God's "Chosen

According to their literature and to spokespersons, the role of the Christian is to offer comfort and support to the Jewish people and the "nation of Israel." A promotional brochure states:

"When the vision of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem was first given it was expressed in the following concerns: To care for the Jewish people. especially for the newborn State of Israel which includes standing up for the Jews when they are attacked or discriminated against and for Israel to live in peace and security: To care for Jerusalem in all its aspects, that Jerusalem one day will truly become a praise in all the earth and a herald of a new day to all mankind: To care that the worldwide body of Christ will be rightly related to Israel in comfort, love, and prayer for her wellbeing: To care for the nations whose destinies will be increasingly linked to the way in

which they relate to Israel: The care and preparation for the coming of the Lord.

4. The embassy engages in a number of projects which appear to have close collaboration with Israeli political leadership. Among these are: Lobbying (particularly in the United States), promotion of Israeli products, sale of Israeli bonds, annual rallies such as the Feast of Tabernacles, lobbying for Soviet Jews to settle in Israel, blood donations for the Israeli Defence Forces. writing in ther secular press to defend Israeli political positions, promoting Christian Zionism in the West.

5. Of particular concern to the ICEJ are the following countries: The United States, Canada. England, Holland, Germany Switzerland, Norway, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa In these countries the embassy has from time to time opened branch offices called "Consulates." From these bases the mobilises political and financial support to continue its

6. In August, 1985, the embassy organised the First Christian Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland, in the same hall in which Theodore Herzl convened the First Zionist Congress in August, 1897. The platform adopted at the 1985 meeting was highly politicised in support of Revisionist Zionist principles and was clearly consistent with the lines of premillennial dispensationalist

7. The Second Christian Zionist Congress held its meeting in Jerusalem, 10-15 April, 1988, to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the founding of Israel. The convention speeches, declaration, and political strategy were all designed to advance a highly politicised fundamentalist Christian Zionism which is consistent with the policies of the Israeli government.

The churches of the Middle East and "Christian Zionism"

The following section briefly examines a number of theological and practical issues fundamental-

ist Christian Zionists raise for the churches in the Middle East. As indicated above, these issues can be addressed to Christians in Europe and North America as well. They jeopardise the identity, presence, and witness of Christianity where the Church of Jesus Christ was born and has

continued for nearly 2000 years. A. The Zionist tendency in Christian thought represents the most recent outside intrusion into the region. Churches that have been living the Christian faith in an unbroken continuity since the Pentecost consider this tendency as anathema to the Christian faith. The international Christian Embassy in Jerusalem which embodies Christian Zionism in the region, by sanctifying Zionism, has allowed little room for Christian principles to become an incentive for justice in the region.

B. There are over 12 million Christians throughout the Middle East, the vast majority of whom are from the ancient Oriental and Eastern Orthodox Churches. They, together with the Catholic. Anglican, and National Protestant Churches, bave overcome centuries of isolation and are now participants in the search for church unity in response to Christ's prayer that they be "One" (John 17:21). As they give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a region fraught with violence, economic hardship, and rapid social change they expect that Christian initiatives from outside the region respect their life and particular vocations in mission and service. The International Christian Embassy-Jerusalem (ICEJ) does not recognise this reality and considers that the churches of the region are spiritually dead and can therefore be

C. In response to the Christian Zionist Congress in Basle, organised by the ICEJ in April, 1985. the Middle East Council of Churches cited the overt political nature of the meeting as having compromised basic Christian principles. The MECC Executive Committee stated:

"Conscious of responsibilities towards the Christian community and world public opinion. we emphasise that, in spite of many religious references, this meeting had an overt political character: We condemn the misuse of the Bible and the abuse of Christian sentiments in attempt to sacratise the creation of a state and legitimise the policies of a govern-

For the above reasons the

Christian participants at the

Basle, Switzerland meeting have lost their objectivity and appear to have adopted the Zionist principles that are based more on Israeli political and military policies as signs of prophecies in the Arab World than on authentic Christian Biblical faith. This makes them absolutely unable to recognise through any suffering people the sign of the liberating cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. As such, they represent the consistent tendency to force the Zionist model of theocratic and

ethnocentric nationalism upon the Middle East. The dislocation of Palestine and disintegration of Lebanon are recent by-products of this trend. Fundamentalist Christian Zionism encourages this trend and at the same time it rejects the movement of Christian unity and national pluralism which is promoted by the churches in the region.

D. The Christian Zionist programme, with its elevation of modem political Zionism, provides the Christian with a limited world view and reduces the gospel to a philosophy of success and militarism. It places its emphasis on events leading up to the end of history rather than living Christ's love and justice today. The Christian Zionist tendency is therefore, a dangerous reduction of the Christian faith and one that would advance the political cause of a state or particular people at the expense of other people within God's creation, even the living church.

The history of millenarian movements, from the Montanist Controversy of the second century to the American televangelists of today, present serious misunderstandings of the Bible and half-truths which must be reiected by the Church. The churches of the Middle East bear the burden of coping with this western intrusion, which undermines their long history of witness and living the faith in a largely Muslim world. However, the churches of the west must recognise Christian Zionism as their responsibility as well, and join the Christians of the Middle East in portraying a correct interpretation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and role of the Christian in these societies.

Conclusion: How can Middle East Christians respond to this problem

The theological distortions inherent within the western fundamentalist Christian Zionist phenomenon calls for a coordinated and thoroughly Christian response.

1. The churches of the Middle East are called to publicly disassociate themselves from the Christian Zionist tendency. Statements from church leadership will continue to be necessary. A consistent process of awareness building and education within the churches in necessary. In the educational material used, the churches must clearly distinguish between the Zionist as an ideology adopted by the Christian Zionists and Judaism or the Jewish people. Many Jewish thinkers are able to assist in this project, as Judaism and world Jewry does not seem to agree with the Christian Zionist eschatology as it applies to Israel during the premillennialist scenario of the end

2. It is expected that the church leadership of the Middle East would continue to appropriate resources and skilled interpreters who are able to provide both the theological and practical components necessary to deal with this issue. Initial pronouncements of the MECC Executive Committee provide the basis upon which to build a comprehensive prog-

3. The churches of the Middle East could continue to call upon all the churches in the West, be they mainline Protestant, Evangelical, Catholic, or Orthodox, to confront the theological and practical dimensions of Christian Zionism in their society where it is originating or is organised. It is especially important that the fundamentalist Christian Zionists be challenged in the very countries which finance and promote their viewpoints. The genesis of this ideology is in the West and the churches in these countries should share with the Middle East churches the task of confronting Christian Zionism Of particular importance is a response by churches in the United States, Canada, England, Norway, Holland. Germany, South

Africa, New Zealand, and Au-

4. The churches of the Middle East should continue to explore understanding with western Evangelicals who share the same concerns about Christian Zionism and justice. The voices of key

western Evangelical leadership and theological reflection in their journals will be of major importance in denouncing Christian Zionism thereby reducing the immediate and long term effects of the trend. The involvement of western Evangelicals, for that matter, should be closely coordinated with the churches of the Middle East.

5. There needs to be an increase of visits by the major western church leaders to the churches and people of the Middle East. The information and history gaps must be closed. In addition to the mass media and informational functions there is nothing as significant as personal contacts in the region coupled with Middle East Christians visiting the western countries and churches.

6. A series of theological seminars should be conducted in the Middle East during 1988-89, with the aim of developing educational resources for church leadership. seminaries, and the laity. The churches of the Middle East must link the challenges raised by western Christian Zionists to the major justice issues, as interpreted within a Biblical perspective. The Middle East churches have significant insights to share with the West in this regard.

An often used but helpful reminder is that in the Chinese language, the character for "crisis" can be interpreted as embracing either "danger" or "opportunity." The churches of the Middle East, with their partners in Christ's Body, the Church, throughout the world, bave an important task with regard to fundamentalist Christian Zionists. God is calling them to join in Biblical reflection and to respond, rather-than to allow ---Christian Zionism to further divide and weaken the Church. The churches can utilise this opportunity to overcome division and articulate a clear proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in whom "there is no longer Jew nor. Greek, male nor female, slave nor free" but one Body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prospects bleak for talks with Sikh militants

By Raju Gopalakrishnan The Associated Press

AMRITSAR, India — The latest hope for ending Sikh terrorist killings in Punjab state had faded in bloodshed, and many Sikhs fear a government bid for amity may be replaced with a police crackdown.

Sikh gunmen were blamed for four killings Saturday. Police say radicals are building fortifications at the Golden Temple and chipping gun ports in walls in fear of a repeat of the 1984 army assault on the holy Sikh shrine in Amritsar.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi freed a radical Sikh priest from jail six weeks ago in an apparent move to open talks with the militants. But last week, he said such talks would occur only within the framework of the Indian constitution.

The radicals say they will not negotiate until the government accepts their demand for an independent Sikh nation of Khalistan, a concept that is well outside the constitution.

"We will continue to fight in the same manner until we get Khalistan," says Jagir Singh, spokesman for the Panthic Committee, an underground umbrella grouping of militant Sikh groups. "It is not a demand," he said in his room at the Golden Temple.

"It is our right." Sikhs form 2 per cent of India's 800 million people but are in a

majority in Punjab. Sikh militants claim they are being subjugated by Hindus, who form 80 per cent of India's population. The Sikh agitation has claimed

at least 735 lives this year and worsened since the government's conciliatory move. More than 350 people have been killed since radical Sikh priest Jasbir Singh Rode was freed from jail.

The killings raised fears that the government would use harsher measures. While freeing

Rode, Gandhi pushed through parliament a bill that would let the government clamp emergency rule on Punjab, severely limiting individual rights.

Jagir Singh, the militant spokesman, was asked if he expected a government move to drive out radicals who have taken refuge in the Golden Temple. "We are ready for an attack,"

he said. He characterised the militants' attitude with a Punjabi proverb: "A brick will be re-plied to with a stone."

10 killed everyday

Indian officials downplay the possibility of a raid on the temple. The army raid in 1984 left

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most of them Sikhs, and the desecration of the shrine angered the entire Sikh community. Five months later, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards.

sar and nearby areas battle the extremists daily. They see little hope of conciliatory moves ending the violence.

Police officers posted in Amrit-

Alam. Amritsar district police superintendent. "We must take strong action."

He said such moves should include sending security forces into the Golden Temple, where

more than 1,200 people dead, about 100 armed militants are believed to be taking shelter. Alam also said police alone could not raid the sprawling temple

"Other forces will have to be included," he said. "The militants have AK-47 automatic rifles and carbines. All we (the police) have is .303 rifles and pistols.

The biggest impediment to any plan to raid the militants' sanctu-"These people kill nearly 10 ary is a threat held out by Rode in people every day," said Izhar a speech recently. "If the government enters the temple, they will be laying the foundation for Khahistan," he said.

Rode addressed a meeting of about 40,000 Sikhs in south Punjab in his first major appearance

after his release. Reports he would encourage moderation among the militants supported hopes the meeting would yield a peaceful approach.

But most speakers at the gathering urged more agitation against the government. While Rode did not directly support moves for Khalistan, he called for continuing a movement to "free Sikhs from the bonds of slavery."

Rode, named to the most influential Sikh religious post shortly after his release from jail. denies making a deal with authorities. He says the only way to reach a solution is direct talks between the government and the

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Arab-Americans critical of Jackson flip-flop on Palestinian issue

WASHINGTON (J.T.) — In a letter dated April 11 Abdeen Jabara, President of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), admonished the Reverend Jesse Jackson for asserting that, should he become president, he would not negotiate with PLO Chairman Arafat. Jackson's comments distinguishing the PLO from the Palestinian people were made during a Sunday morning appearance on the CBS public affairs programme "Face the Nation."

Speaking on behalf of tens of

thousands of Arab-Americans.

Jabara expressed "disbelief" and

"sadness" at Jackson's about-face

on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

He reminded the candidate that

"virtually every Arab-American

looked to (him) as the one sym-

bol of strength in a field of

political candidates who are notorious for their unwillingness to stand up to the pro-Israel lobby."

Jabara noted that the strength of the Jackson campaign has always been in the candidate's "ability to rise above parochial politics with a vision of what is truly in the best interest of the American people and the suffering peoples of the world." He added that Sunday's comments suggest "a serious erosion of that

Reminding Jackson of the fact that "virtually all Palestinians regard the PLO as their sole legitimate representative." Jabara went on to state that "your attempt to distinguish the PLO from the Palestinian people will not improve your position with Jewish voters ."



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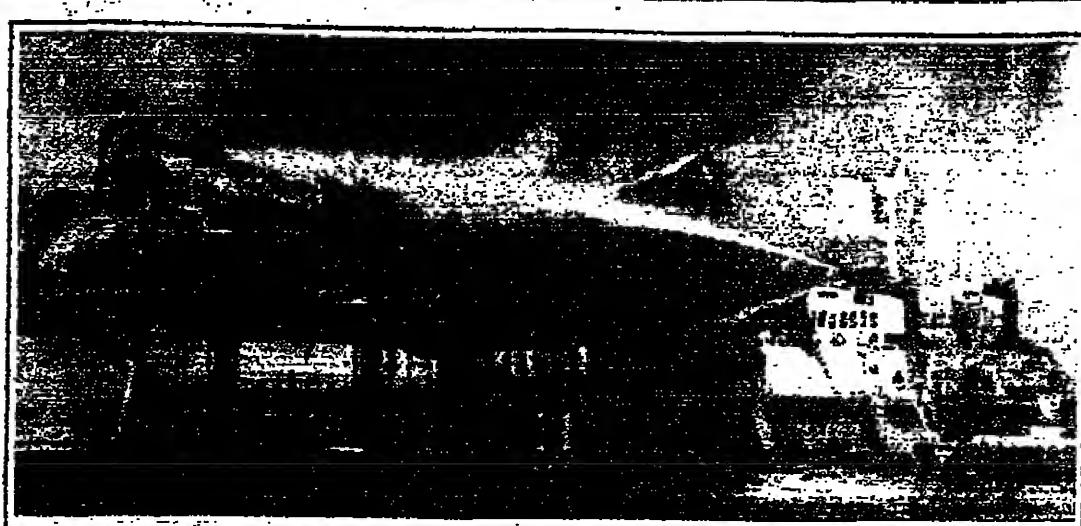
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An Iranian salvage tug sprays water onto a blazing Iranian platform which was attacked by U.S. warships Monday.

U.S. commanders recount missile attacks

'It was big, it was fast, and it came from Iran'

By Richard Pyle The Associated Press

ABOARD USS JACK WIL-LIAMS IN THE GULF -Senior U.S. navy officers say it will take some time to analyse how many missiles were fired at this U.S. warship and two destroyers in Monday's clashes with Iranian naval and air forces.

They noted Thursday that reports from Washington indicating the Jack Williams' account that the Iranians loosed off several anti-ship missile firing was not being disputed, and that senior officials there were saying only that there was "no positive evidence' that Chinese-made Silkworms were

used. Captain Donald Dyer, commander of destroyer Squadron 22, said the fact that three ships were under fire, manoeuvring and firing "chaff" to distract the missiles' radar systems, "could mean some duplication" in the reports of missiles being

"To go back and try to reconstruct it in the fog of war, to put it all together, is very difficult,"

he said. "It's only a matter of count-

ing bears... but there is no doubt that missiles were fired at these ships."

As to what type of missile was used. Dyer said: "It was big, it was fast, and it came from Iran."

The ships included this 3,700 ton guided missile frigate, serving as flagship for Surface Action Group Delta, (SAG Delta), the missile destroyer Joseph Strauss and the destrover O'Brien.

The ships made up of one of the three three-ship SAGs involved in Monday's coordinated retaliatory raids on Iranian targets.

Monday's clash was the fiercest between the Americans and the Iranians since the U.S. navy buildup in the Gulf last

The navy said it sank one Iranian patrol boat, sank or damaged three armed speedboats and disabled two frigutes. the Sahand and the Sabalan.

The Iranians said 44 of their men were killed in the fighting. There were no reported U.S. casualties, although the twoman crew of a helicopter are

Iran deployed the Silkworms, a Chinese-made variant of the

30-year-old Soviet Styx missile.

The Silkworms had never been fired at any military or commercial vessels passing through the Strait, the gateway to the Gulf.

in the strait of Hormuz a year

Effective weapon

The missiles are alrow 2.8 metres long and have a range of about 80 kilometres with a full 450-kilogramme warhead. They fly at about 960 kilometres an hour, just below the speed of sound, at about 30 metres above the surface, honling in on the target by a narrow-band

Although crude by modern standards, the Silkworm, officially known as the HY-2, is an effective weapon.

"It just uso't smart," said Dyer. "The Silkworm has no brain. Whatever it spots first, it will reach out and touch."

On Monday, the three American ships had sailed halfway through Horaniz in what officers called "exercising the right of transit," and were heading westward into the Gulf at high speed when the missile attacks began.

N. Yemen: Ex-Aden leader no obstacle to Yemeni unity

ABU DHABI (R) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Salch said South Yemen's ousted leader would not create, trouble for the new regime in Aden and urged reconciliation between the two sides.

Saleh added he did not believe the former South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Mohammad, now in exile with thousands of followers in North Yemen, would prove an obstacle to unity between the two countries.

"I assure our brothers in the south that he will not carry out any hostile activity or provocation against them," Saleh told Abu Dhabi state television Thursday night.

"Nasser Mohammad is not an obstacle to proposed unity and we have urged Aden to open reconciliation talks to enable him and other refugees to return home."

Nasser Mohammad was overthrown in inter-factional fighting in 1986 and a South Yemeni court sentenced him last year to death and demanded his return.

Salch said a dialogue between Nasser Mohammad and the new Aden government would start gradually but he did not elabo-

Talks on merging the two Yemens have been held on and off since 1972. A new round of negotiutions began a week ago, with both sides meeting in the North Yenieni town Taiz.



Ali Abdullah Saleh

Hostages to be freed soon — Al Shiraa

BEIRUT (AP) - The weekly magazine A! Shiraa said Friday contacts were underway between France and Iran for the release of three Frenchmen held hostage in Lebanon.

Paris and Tehran, the report said, had agreed on the release of two French hostages in Lebanon in return for "the release of Iranian assets frozen in France in addition to a \$1 billion compensation to Iran.'

It is believed the magazine referred to full repayment of a billion-dollar loan made by the late Shah of Iran to France and disputed interest which could amount to an additional billion dollars.

"Last minute snags delayed the release," the magazine said without further elaboration.

imminent French hostage release earlier this month. But the April 5 hijack of Kuwait Airways jetliner apparently delayed the nego-

that France's insistence on the the alleged devi.

did not disclose further details

addition to journalist Jean-Paul

was not carried out pending completion of negotiations for the release of a third French hostage in Lebanon," the report said, it

However, Al Shiraa indicated

release of a third French hostage was delaying implementation of "The deal (to release the two)

the story of secret U.S. arms sales. Oppressed of the World. to Iran in 1986.

The pro-franian Islamic Jihad. a group of Lebanese extremists, holds French diplomats Marcel Carton and Marcel Fontaine in

napped in 1985 in west Beirut. 'Higgins to be tried'

Kaufmann. The three were kid-

In another development, kidnappers of U.S. Marine Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins accused him Thursday of spying and said they would try him for crimes against Lebanese and Palesti-

"The interrogation with this criminal has been concluded and There had been reports of an international tame when it broke name of the Organisation of the long, dark military-style jacket,

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signed Thursday.

The typewritten undated message in Arabic was delivered with a black-and-white photograph of

Higgins to an international news agency in west Beirut. "This criminal will be transferred today to the courts of the oppressed to be tried for the crimes he has committed, in

accordance with the accusations against him." it said. The statement, on paper from a school copy-book, was the fifth issued by the group since three beurded gunmen seized Higgins near the southern port of Tyre

The photograph showed him standing and gazing vacantly at we shall put him in the hands of the ground. He was lightly our nation when the time is bearded, appeared thin, drawn The magazine Al Shirae gained inghi." said a statement in the and haggard and was wearing a

U.S., Israel sign sweeping 'understanding'

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel and the United States have signed their most comprehensive agreement on mutual cooperation, formalising close ties established during the current U.S. adminis-

The document was signed simultaneously in the U.S. and Israel by President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Shamir. Shamir described the accord as "very special," and said it would bind future U.S. governments for

at least five years. "The agreement is unprecedented," said Shamir. "It is the

inheritance this administration is leaving to its successor." Describing the Reagan administration as "the friendliest

Israel has ever know," Shamir said the agreement formalised ad hoc arrangements which have developed over the past few years between the two countries. "It sets down, institutionalises and gives official backing to all

items and areas of cooperation already existing in the strategicmilitary, economic and political spheres," Shamir said. He refused to elaborate on the types of cooperation but said

between Shamir and the U.S.

intelligence was one of them. U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering hinted at disagreements

government over current American peace efforts.

"Peace is as vital for Israel's security as military and economic strength and we will continue to work with all the states in this

region to achieve that objective."

he said. Relations between Israel and the United States drew close after the 1967 Middle East war, when Washington became Israel's ma-

jor supplier of arms. During the 1973 war, the United States airlifted vicapons and

ammunition to Israei. Washington has provided civilian and military aid since 1979. when israel signed a treaty with

Sinai desert. Under the Reagan administration, that aid has grown to \$3 billion and ties have grown

signed a secret agreement on "strategic cooperation" which included provisions for military their relationship through the trade, and joint pleaning.

In 1965, an economic accord was signed lifting trade barriers between the two countries. Over the past few years. Israel has become a port of call for ships aim.

of the U.S. Mediterranean fleet

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States with land for a transmitter

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nological cooperation recognise the mutual benefits of the Israel-United States tree trade agree-Egypt and witheress from the ment take note of United States economic and security assistance to Israel and note that Israel is currently designated, for the purposes of section 1105 of the 1987 national defence authorisation In 1981, the two countries act, as a major non-NATO ally of the United States.

> "The parties wish to enhance establishment of a comprehensive framework for continued consufferion and cooperation and have reached the following agreements in order to achieve this

> > Article 1

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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1.8747/57

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One Sterling

One U.S. dollar

One ounce of gold

Turkey orders halt to extravagance

ANKARA (R) — Turkish civil servants have been ordered to cut out parties, gift-giving and costly private phone calls as part of the country's belttightening measures, a government spokesman said Thursday.

The cabinet has ordered employees of public departments to n end receptions and parties and c stop giving expensive flower offerv ings and other gifts, state minister n and government spokesman g Mehmet Yazar told a news con-

ference. The announcement did not clarify whether the measures would apply to ministries, which s are described as "official" depart-

Public departments will not be - allowed to refurnish offices and - staff trips abroad will be cur-Yazar said.

Short-term needs for vehicles

Brazil debt

swells in '87

BRASILIA (R) — The decline of

the U.S. dollar and the effects of

Brazilian interest moratorium

increased Brazil's debt by over

\$10 billion in 1987 to \$121.3

billion, according to the central

view of the national economy,

said that between December 1986

and December 1987 the foreign

The central bank report, which

debt rose 9.2 per cent, up from

is being distributed to creditors.

said medium- and long-term debt

grew 5.7 per cent to \$107.5 billion

It said short-term debt had

grown 48 per cent, to \$13.8 bil-

tion from \$9.3 billion because of

the effects of the interest mora-

torium which Brazil imposed on

its bank debt in February 1987.

The moratorium has now been

The bank said Brazil's com-

Brazil, the Third World's big-

mercial bank debt had increased

19 376.4 billion from \$70 billion.

gest debtor, resumed paying its

commercial bank creditors this

January. Since then it has paid

out more than \$1.6 billion from its

reserves to meet interest pay-

In addition, it has received

But Brazil still has to pay about

The central bank report said

the country had a trade surplus in

1987 of \$11.2 billion but ended

the year with an overall payments

ports of \$26.2 billion had been

mini-devaluations of the cruzado

currency against the U.S. dollar.

The bank said the strong ex-

\$3.5 billion interest outstanding

for the period February-Septem-

\$897 million refinancing from

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The bank, in its quarterly re-

and equipment will be met by leasing instead of buying and all departments have been advised to stay within their annual Parliament earlier this month

new cars for Prime Minister Turgut Ozal Ozal has urged people to spend less and save more, to combat an

scrapped appropriations for two

Strikes spread

annual 70 per cent inflation rate.

At a tyre factory at Izmir in western Turkey, about 1,300 workers went on strike Thursday in a wage dispute amid general labour unrest for better condi-

They joined 2,000 cement workers who started a strike in five cities Wednesday. They are all affiliated to the Turk-Is Confederation which has threatened widespread action next month.

Turk-Is controls two-thirds of Turkey's three million union members. It wants pay rises to offset 70 per cent inflation, an ties. increase in the minimum monthly wage of 74,500 lira (\$60) and the removal of some laws drawn up

under military rule. Turk-Is President Sevket Yilmaz said he had been invited to meet Ozal on April 30 but told reporters he held out little hope of a settlement.

"Our problems are all known. The meeting will not reduce these problems," he said.

Most urban housing is owned

by the government or by factories

and other workplaces, which rent

Higher rents

save the government money, calls

for rents to be increased in line

with actual maintenance costs

and for tenants to be encouraged

to buy their apartments and

Xinhua said the reform is to be

Some local governments have

said they all initially give citizens

subsidies to soften the blow of

suddenly higher rents. Many

Chinese pay as little as 5 yuan

Under the programme issued.

Xinhua also said the government

will expand its reform policy of

letting state-owned enterprises

make their own economic deci-

sions, but will introduce competi-

tion in filling management posts.

Most managers are still appointed

The programme also says en-

terprises should use most of their

profits to develop production and

make sure workers' incomes do

not grow faster than productivity.

Economists have blamed rising

inflation in part on companies

using their profits to give workers

big bonuses, thus increasing pub-

lic buying power without increas-

More enterprises will be

allowed to issue bonds to the

public, Xinhua said, enabling

them to raise cash while soaking

Banks will issue fewer loans

and increase their supervision of

companies that borrow money,

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ing production.

(\$1.35) per month for rent.

implemented nationwide within

five years.

Housing reform, intended to

them out for nominal fees.

systems this year.

Union official Validettin Karabay, whose members at the Lassa tyre factory came out Thursday. said: "The solidarity and unity of the workers will expedite the modification of the laws against

Unions, spurred by moves towards greater political freedom, want the removal of laws introduced after the 1980 military coup which curbed their activi-

Unions representing more than 19,000 workers from the food, manufacturing, plastics and fertiliser industries have opted for strikes in coming months.

The average monthly wage for a factory worker is about 90,000 lira (\$72). The lira's value has slipped since January to 1,254 to the dollar from 1.018, and compared with 795 at the end of April

Americans smoke less, cigarettes Shanghai, to reform their housing

another record level in 1988. A big increase in 1987 cigarette exports was mostly due to lower tariffs in Japan and Taiwan, the report said. Overall, the declared value of U.S. cigarette exports

The department's Economic Research Service says U.S. consumption of cigarettes declined at an estimated 575 billion "pieces" (cigarettes) in 1987, down 1.5 per cent from \$583.8 billion in 1986

Department records show last year's use was the smallest since 554.4 billion pieces were consumed in 1972, a record at that time and a period when there was a general upward trend in use.

consumption rose to a record of 640 billion pieces, cigarette use by Americans declined more than 10 per cent through last year.

before easing back in most subsequent years. helped soften the blow for the

U.S. tobacco industry, rising to a record 100.2 billion eigarettes in be reached. But even without 1987, a 56 per cent jump from 64.3 billion in 1986.

tion is expected to decline further as some states raise taxes, and smoking restrictions increase, the report said. "Cigarette exports are expected to rise further this year because of tariff reductions in some Far East countries and the weaker dollar."

Although Asian countries took cigarette shipments, the Bureau tries as 1987 destinations.

last year. export more widespread public opposition, Xinhua said the plan calls for 80 cities, including Beijing and

WASHINGTON (AP) Cigarette smoking by Americans is at a 16-year low, but the Agriculture Department says exports are expected to rise again to

climbed about 57 per cent last

year to \$2.05 billion.

Since 1981, when total U.S.

Exports in 1981 were also record high at 82.6 billion pieces

"In 1988, domestic consump-

about two-thirds of the U.S. of Census records show 105 coun-

Ministry opens state pastures to breeders AMMAN (Petra) — Stock breed-

Ruseifa budget tops JD 1m

Jordan asks S. Arabia to

facilitate entry of trucks

ers will have the right to take their livestock for grazing in state owned pasture land in accordance with new regulations issued by Agriculture Minister Marwan Hmoud Thursday.

The new regulations stipulate that stock breeders have to secure prior approval in writing from the Ministry of Agriculture before they can take their sheep, goats and cattle into the state owned pastures.

Grazing can be done only during the day in specific zones and until the end of the coming month, the regulations stipulated.

The instructions made it clear that violators of the new regulations will be prosecuted.

The instructions directed heads of agriculture departments to

ZARQA (Petra) — Ruseifa town

has a 1988 budget of JD 1.053

million of which JD 175,000 will

be used for asphalting roads,

according to a municipality offi-

used for health care through the

Ruseifa region and other alloca-

tions will finance the construction

of public gardens, lighting streets

and purchasing tractors and in-

The municipal council of Sukh-

ne in the Zarqa Governorate will

have a JD 125,000 budget for

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry

of Foreign Affairs has asked the

Saudi embassy in Amman to

grant entry visas to Saudi Arabia

and transit visas to the Gulf Arab

states via Saudi Arabia to Jorda-

nian drivers of refrigerated trucks

which are owned by Jordanians

secticides.

He said that JD 170,000 will be

their respective regions and impose fines on violators.

Meeting reviews general agricultural situation

Hmoud Thursday chaired a meeting at his office for reviewing the general agricultural situation in the Kingdom.

The available quantities of vegetables and fruits on the local markets was the centre of the discussion during the meeting which was attended by the Ministry of Agriculture's Secretary-General Salem Al Lawzi and heads of agriculture departments in different governorates.

Also discussed at the meeting. was the production of cereals and leatils and the pasture and grazing situation as well as the work of agricultural nurseries in the help implement the regulations in Kingdom.

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in the Zarqa Governorate has a

45,000 will be spent on building

governor has approved opening

agricultural roads to be carried

out in the governorate this year at

the cost of JD 45,000. The pro-

jects entail opening roads in

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The market closed slightly easier in dull, featureless trading as investors took to the sidelines ahead of the Anzac holiday weekend. The All Ordinaries index fell 2.1 points to 1,436.1.

TOKYO - Shares closed mixed due to some interest in consumer demand-related shares, countered by profit-taking. The Nikkei index rose to 8.96 points, 0.03 per cent, to 26,837.12.

HONG KONG — Prices closed at the day's highest levels on late local buying. The Hang Seng index rose 38.64 to 2,591.35. SINGAPORE — Prices closed moderately higher over a broad front on speculative buying and bargain hunting in fairly active trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 11.28 to 955.77. BOMBAY — Share prices rose sharply in brisk trading helped by

heavy speculative buying after the market opened firm. Sentiment was boosted by lower carry-forward charges fixed for business done in the two weeks ended Thursday. FRANKFURT — Shares closed little changed after a sluggish

week marked by low turnover and lack of retail interest. The Commerzbank index, calculated at mid-session, was marginally lower at 1,377.4 after 1,378.5 Thursday. . PARIS — Shares were 0.80 per cent higher in moderate trading in

a buoyant start to the new trading month despite the presidential election which starts Sunday. **ZURICH** — Prices closed lower in moderate pre-weekend trading in a market dominated by uncertainty. The All Share Swiss index

was down 6.5 at 812.8. LONDON — Equities drifted lower ahead of the start of the new account at 1430 GMT, "Their is just no interest," one dealer said. The FTSE 100 share index was down 21.0 at 1,770.9 by 1130

NEW YORK — Stocks were higher but retreated from early gains. The Dow 30 was up 11 at 1,999 and gaining issues led decliners by a three-to-two margin.

Peking calls for controls on credit and wages In a move likely to generate

BEUING (AP) — The government has outlined a programme for advancing market-style economic reforms while fighting inflation, the country's most pressing economic problem.

Reform goals for 1988 include introducing competition for company management posts and encouraging city dwellers to buy their housing. So far, these measures have been introduced only experimentally on a small scale.

The programme, announced by the official Xinhua News Agency, also calls for such anti-inflation measures as tightening bank credit, limiting state investment to major infrastructure projects and limiting the too-rapid growth of workers' wages and bonuses.

Retail prices jumped 11 per cent nationwide in the first quarter of 1988, compared with a 7.3 per cent increase in 1987. The price increases, even higher in large cities, have generated widespread public grumbling.

The programme was drawn up by the state commission for restructuring the economy, the body that drew up the blueprints for China's already well-advanced transformation from a centrally planned economy to one partially directed by market forces.

The commission, headed by the strongly reformist Zhao Ziyang until he took over as head of the Communist Party last year, now is led by the new premier. Li

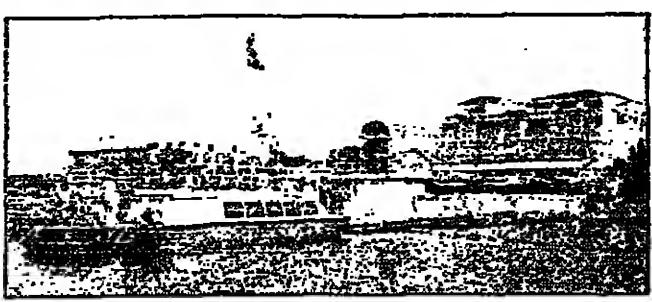
The plan bears Li's stamp in its emphasis on fighting inflation and lack of any fresh reform ideas. Li lacks Zhao's reputation as an innovator and is believed to favour stability over rapid helped by a policy of regular change.

Xinhua did not carry any comment from Li on the plan.

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A bid bond for 3 per cent of total amount as a bank guarantee or endorsement cheque is to be submitted with the offer, otherwise it will be rejected,

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but carry member plates of other the Saudi government. Indonesia expects accord between major oil producers

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia expects OPEC will reach agreement with major producers outside the group to stabilise oil prices over the long term, Mines and Energy But exports recently have Minister Ginanjar Kartasasmita

said Thursday. "We expect an agreement can one, I do not think it will greatly affect oil prices," Ginanjar said after meeting President Suharto.

Indonesia is a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPECs') five-man pricing committee that will consult officials of six oil producers outside the group in Vienna Tuesday on ways to curb

A full OPEC conference will follow Thursday.

Ginanjar said his predecessor Subroto, a 10-year veteran of OPEC meetings, will accompany him to Vienna.

He dismissed the possibility of a price war if the meetings end in failure. "None of them wants to sell their oil at \$10 a barrel, so ! don't think a price war will happen."

Ginanjar said he would put forward a plan on how to reduce world oil production by 700,000 barrels.

"I think if non-OPEC producers return to their earlier output level as they had promised there will be a reduction of 400,000 barrels a day (b/d). And if those OPEC members which are overproducing stick to their quotas there will be a reduction of 300,000 b/d," he said.

"If all steps have been taken and we still cannot push up oil prices, we can discuss it again. I believe prices will surely reach \$18 again with the 700,000 bid reduction, he said.

Iran's Deputy Oil Minister Hossein Kazempour Ardebili told Reuters after meeting Ginanjar that OPEC does not need to make any changes in its overall output ceiling or quotas among members at next week's extraordinary OPEC meeting.

"Maybe at this juncture it is not a question of the ceiling of the

production and the quotas among the member countries," Ardebili "Later in June when there is

the ordinary (OPEC) meeting the question of the ceiling and the quota will be discussed." he said. Ardebili had earlier argued for output cuts of five to 10 per cent after flying to Vienna for a surprise appearance at a meeting of the pricing panel on April 9.

OPEC has set an overall ceiling of 15.06 million barrels a day for 12 of its 13 members. Iraq has refused to accept its quota.

"We like to see the prices today immediately restored to \$18 and we will work out a mechanism so that prices will not fall in the future," he said.

"Then in June during the ordinary meeting of the OPEC we have to formulate (a strategy) for the gradual increase of oil

prices," Ardebīli said. OPEC's reference price of \$18 a barrel "is the minimum that we can achieve immediately, which we almost (have) and later we have to gradually increase this price," he said.

British bond watchdog shuts up shop

LONDON (R) — After 120 years of chasing foreign governments that did not repay their bonds, a small British investors' watchdog group said Thursday its services were no longer needed.

Throughout its existence, the Corporation of Foreign Bondholders has succeeded in getting governments to pay more than £1 billion (\$1.9 billion at current rates) owed to buyers of IOUs issued to secure borrowings.

It has won agreements to repay holders of Tsarist bonds to Nicaraguan 1886 railway mortage bonds, Austro-Hungarian 1876 gold notes and Ecuador 1908 Salt bonds to pre-1949 Chinese bor-

The bonds — usually elaborate, multi-coloured printing jobs often decorated with engravings

of mythylogical figures or the railways they sometimes financed were often worth more as collectors items than the governments involved would repay.

But now, there are few out-

standing unpaid bonds left - just the \$7 million on which Mississippi defaulted in 1841 and the \$800,000 (\$1.5 million) borrowed by the city of Dresden and the Free State of Saxony in 1927. "The council are of the opinion

that these defaults alone... do not justify the continued existence of the corporation," the group said in its annual report. It has asked the British government to approve its liquidation.

Although the Third World debt crisis remains as grave as ever, the \$1,000 billion owed involves. issues.

few bonds — and countries are making payments on those.

Bankers and governments take the repayment promises contained in a bond even more seriously than those contained in a standard bank loan agreement.

In Britain, the Bank of England's concern over the unwillingness of the Soviet Union and China to pay off bonds issued by pre-revolutionary governments had long kept those countries from issuing bonds in Britain.

Bond market and banking sources say that was a big reason why, over the past two years, both countries agreed to settle with holders of those bonds.

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McEnroe to play Florence tennis tournament

FLORENCE, Italy (AP) — American tennis star John McEnroe. who returned to competition last week following a seven-month absence, will play the \$126,000 tournament of Florence May 16-22, organisers announced Thursday.

McEnroe, who beat Stefan Edberg in Tokyo Sunday to win his first tournament in a year and a half, hasn't yet decided whether he will play singles or doubles here.

His decision will depend on how far he goes in the tournament of champions tournament in New York and the Italian Open in Rome, said Florence tournament director Sergio Palmieri.

"If he gets to the semifinals or finals he will be playing the doubles in Florence," said Palmieri.

The 32-player competition, awarding a first prize of \$18,680, is part of the Grand Prix circuit.

Organisers reported that early entries in the singles included Jaime Yzaga of Peru, Chilean Pedro Rebolledo, Franco Davin of Argentina and Austrian Horst Skoff.

Matches will be played on clay courts of the local tennis club.

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Prince Abdullah, Bilbeisi win Jordanian rally

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Danishlordanian Dairy Co. Kally was won by His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah and co-driver Ali Bilbelsi, followed closely by 1987 rally champion, Hani Bisharat and co-driver Wafai Mseis. Issa Halabi and co-driver Leith Al Qusem placed third. Eight cars out of 21 entrants finished the second national rully on Friday. George

Khayyat and his Royal Highness Prince Faisal, (Nissan 240 RS) who broke their gear box and lost seven minutes penalty time, were able to pull into fourth position. Sharif Jamil Naser and Oussama Marar (Toyota Corolla GT) placed fifth, Alfred Shamoun and Abu Kbalil (Seat Ibbiza) came in sixth, Bishara Quzur and Faisal Jabri (Datsup 1600 SSS) 7th. and in eighth place Aiman Zayed and Mohammad Al

Natour (Datsun 240 GT). Prince Abdullah driving an Open Manta 400 held the lead throughout the eight special stages (approximately 99.84 kilometres) of a total of 365 kilometres rally. Bisharat, driving a Toyota Corolla GT, steadily improved his position from seventh place in special stage one to second position n the eighth special stage.

Bisharat's finish of second overail and first in group A, was praised by officials since Bisharat's car, a group A car (engine 1600cc), was racing against mostly group B cars (engines 2400 cc). Bisharat was supposed to enter the raily with a group B car, Toyota Celica. but he told the Jordan Times that the car was lacking parts. "We took a group A car just to participate in the rally, but we did not expect these results," he said.



soccer match between Al Duffetein and Arab Stars ex-captain of Jordan National Soccer team, and Al under the patronage of Lower House Speaker Akef Ayyoub).

ta joint team of players from Egypt, Syria, Iraq. Duffetein, 32 from career soccer. At the end of the Kuwait and Jordan) Thursday at the Amman match, various sports clubs, and sports enthusiasts Stadium ended in a 3-3 draw. The match was held presented gifts to Khalid Salem (Photo by Abdullah

Lendl, Jaite advance to Monte Carlo Open tennis semifinals

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) - Ivan Lendl and Martin Jaite advanced to the semifinals of the \$492.500 Monte Carlo Open with easily approaching the net more. straight set victories Friday.

Lendl, the world's No. 1 player. Nystrom in the sixth game to go making a comeback after a twomonth layoff, beat 1986 champion Joakim Nystrom of Sweden, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2.

Argentina's Jaite, the No. 7 seed, dominated a tired Claudio Pistolesi of Italy, 6-2, 6-0.

Lendl, returning to action after a stress fracture in his foot, served for the first set twice but couldn't win until the tiebreaker. He had a set point leading 5-4. 40-30, but Nystrom rushed the net and put away a volley.

The Swede broke Lendl's serve to even the game. Two games later, Lendl won the tiebreak

up 42, and then held his serve for a 5-2 lead. Lendl missed three match

points on Nystrom's serve in the eighth game before finally winning on the fourth, taking the second set, 6-2.

Lendi used his usual baseline game to win his seventh match of eight against Nystrom. He slayed on the baseline and powered forehands and backhands until he set up an approach shot. Then he came in and usually converted the

In the first quarterfinal Jaite Pistolesi.

won 11 games in a row to beat

"It was my seventh match in six days," said Pistolesi, who had to In the second set, Lendl broke survive a qualifying tournament to enter the main draw.

Pistolesi scored only three points in the second set. "I was very tired. I lost about 20 per cent of my game in the last set," Pistolesi said.

Pistolesi had beaten Mats Wilander, the No. 2 seed and second-ranked player in the world the previous day.

"Nobody can take that victory away from me," Pistolesi said. Wilander followed Boris Becker to the sidelines of the Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament as he lost in the third round to

Karpov leads chess tourney with 10.5 points

BRUSSELS (AP) — Former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union was assured of at least a share of the Swift World Cup tournament title

when Briton John Nunn drew an adjourned game Thursday. With one round remaining, Karpov, 36, has 10.5 points out of a possible 15. Nunn and Soviet Valery Salov are tied a point adrift of Karpov with 9.5 points.

Another Soviet, Alexander Be-

liavsky, is fourth with nine points. Karpov, who did not play Thursday, is widely expected to agree quickly to a draw in his last-round game with Swede Ulf

Even if Karpov were to lose Friday, Nunn and Salov could only tie for first place. A win

scores one point and a draw a In the first of the adjourned games completed Thursday, Dutchman Jan Timman and Nunn manoeuvred in an endgame for two hours before agreeing to a

A second unfinished game between Soviet Andrei Sokolov and Timman was drawn after only a few minutes play.

Timman, the third-ranked player in the world, moved up to 10th place in the 17-man competi-

PSV Eindhoven foils Real Madrid's bid

LONDON (AP) - Real Madrid's dream of a seventh European Champions' Cup triumph and a historyrepeating clash with Portugal's Benfica were dashed Wednesday as the Spanish stars were held to a scoreless tie by the Netherlands' PSV Eindhoven,

The newly crowned Dutch goalless tie in Bremen. League titlist advanced to its first . In the two-leg final, Bayer will Champions' Cup final on the meet Espanol of Barcelona, away goals rule having tied 1-1

Benfica, aiming to follow countryman FC Porto as European champion, gained the May 25 final in Stuttgart, West Germany, after beating Steaua Bucharest, the 1986 titlist from Romania.

The Portuguese side will be making its sixth final appearance, although its last triumph was in memorable finals.

Aiax of Amsterdam, the defending Cup Winners' Cup titlist, progressed to the final again despite losing 2-1 at home to Olympique Marseille. Ajax, which already had won 3-0 in France, will meet Belgium's FC Mechlin in the May 11 final in Strasbourg. Mechlin won 2-1 against Italy's Atalanta of Bergamo in Italy to go

through on a 4-2 aggregate. In the UEFA Cup, Bayer Real's star strikers. Leverkusen surprisingly edged

Norwich

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which overturned a 2-0 first leg with Real in Madrid two weeks deficit by beating FC Bruges of Belgium 3-0 after extra time.

Despite the absence of its most influential player, the suspended defender Ronald Koeman, Eindhoven kept the star-studded Real Madrid side at bay.

Only hours before the kick-off Koeman, expected to be a key player in the Netherlands' challenge for the European Championship in West Germany this 1962 in which it beat Real 5-3 in summer, appealed to the sport's one of the competition's most European governing body, UEFA, to overturn a threematch suspension imposed for publicised comments he made in

> a Dutch magazine. The ban was reduced to one match and, although he missed the semifinal against Real, Koeman will be available for the final against Benfica.

> Even without him, Eindhoven maintained its unbeaten home record this term by blotting out At the other end, PSV created

past the West German country- enough chances to make sure of men of Werder Bremen to gain the final place, with Danish interthe final. Having won the first leg national Soren Lerby shooting 1-0, Bayer held Werder to a against the bar.

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL RESULTS

LONDON (R) — Results of European football matches played Wednesday.

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Italian Cup Sampdoria Internazionale Samp-doria win 1-0 aggregate

Torino

Torino win 3-2 on aggregate

Cup Winners' Cup

Ajax Amsterdam

Ajax win 4-2 on aggregate.

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Bruges (Belgium)

Espanol (Spain) Espanol won 3-2 on aggregate

European Cup Steaua Bucharest Benfica (Portugal)

Benfica won 2-0 on aggregate.

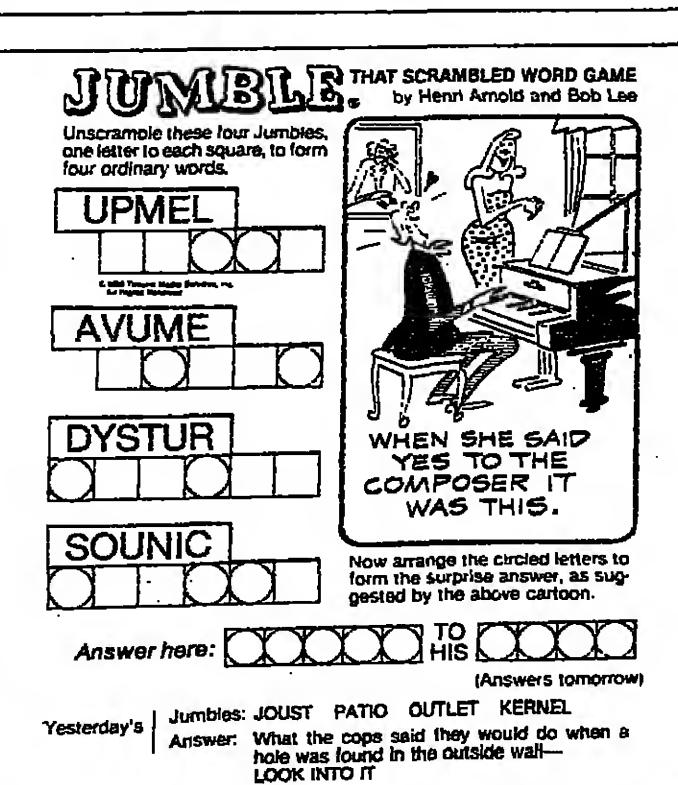
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"Your mother made me her deputy. You're grounded for 3 weeks! Go to your room!"



FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1988

PAILY HOROSCOPE From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Early in the day you may be able to achieve some very worthwhile results, but as the hours pass, you may run into some real difficulties unless you are quite careful. Don't

be careless with your health. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Finish up some work at home this morning, and don't get involved in expensive pleasures later today. Lend a hand to a good friend. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take care of any vital communication before it's too late, then take care of your shopping. This is not a good time for entertaining guests. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

Take care of bills and letters which have been piling up. It is very important that you take no risks while driving or with your reputation.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jal. 21) Be sure you don't commit yourself to any large expenditures today. This is a good time to do some spring cleaning at home. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) If you plan your day carefully in the morning, you won't run into delays and other difficulties. Be sure to avoid

THE Daily Crossword By Stanley 8. Whitten

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You will get an idea this morning that should be put in motion quickly, since later on some problems will require your total attention. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Work on business matters this morning, then do something that will make your mate happy. Don't be frivolous this evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

An unkind word was not meant the way you interpreted it, so don't take offense. Take care of telephone calls you have been putting off.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't let someone with an inflated ego annoy you and cause you to lose your temper. Be sure you don't overexert yourself this evening. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mer. 20) Don't be extravagent tonight where recreation is concerned. Put together a creative plan which you can follow without much trouble.

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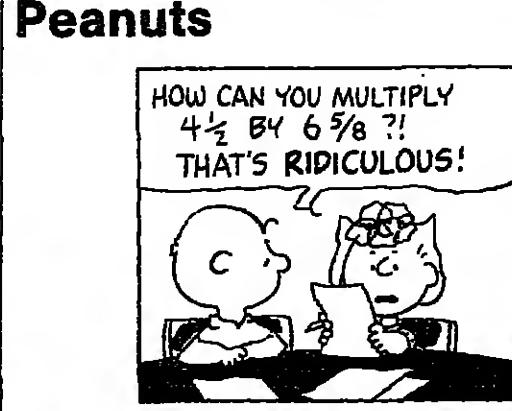
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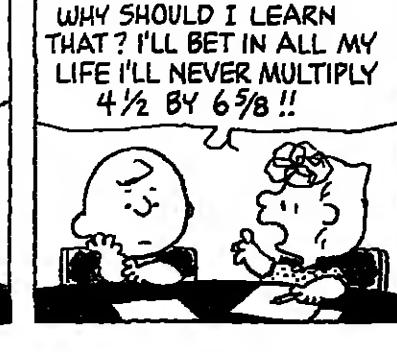
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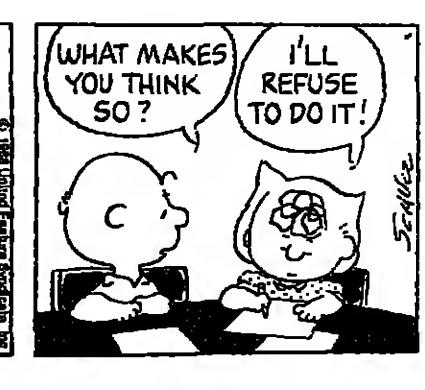
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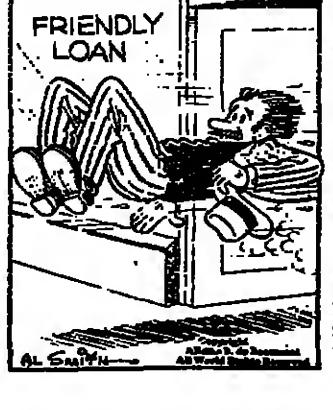




Mutt'n' Jeff









Andy Capp









Gore suspends campaign

Dukakis, Jackson gear up for Pennsylvania primary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, buoyed by his New York primary victory, charted a cautious course for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, telling backers: "Steady as she goes."

Democratic rival Albert Gore Jr., meanwhile, suspended Thursday a campaign that hasn't had a win in six weeks.

Democrat Jesse Jackson, for his part, brushed aside surveys suggesting he faces an uphill fight in next week's Pennsylvania primary.

"I do not follow opinion polls, I mold opinion," the black civil rights leader told cheering supporters in Philadelphia. He also picked up the endorsement of the Philadelphia Daily News, an afternoon paper with a circulation of about 252,000.

In its editorial Thursday, the Daily News said, "Nominating Jesse Jackson sends a message to the world, which is not made up of elderly white businessmen, no matter what (President Ronald) Reagan thinks."

Both Dukakis and Jackson were campaigning Thursday in Pennsylvania, where 178 Democratic delegates are at stake in Tuesday's primary. Dukakis was going on to Ohio, which holds its prim-

ary a week later. On the Republican side, Vice-President George Bush continued his march to the nomination, with 1.052 of the 1.139 delegates needed to nominate.

Bush was endorsed Wednesday by California Governor George Deukmejian, who had initially pledged neutrality through the June 7 California primary. But Bush's only remaining competitor is former television evangelist Pat Robertson, who has all but halted his campaign.

Gore announced he would suspend his campaign for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination and do "everything I can" to help put a Democrat in the White House.

Gore said he would technically remain a candidate to permit his delegates to attend the July Democratic National Convention, where the candidate will be

But, the Tennessee senator said in room crowded with supporters, "I want no part of a stop Jackson or a stop Dukakis movement. The only man I want to stop is George Bush and we're going to stop George Bush."

Still in the race Meanwhile, some Jackson backers were beginning to float the idea of Jackson as a possible running mate if Dukakis wins the nomination. "There would be lots of enthusiasm for that tick-

Shroud of Turin sample cut for testing

Vatican: announced Friday that a tiny sample has been cut from the Shroud of Turin for radiocarbondating that may determine whether the cloth existed at the time of Christ's death on the CTOSS.

The linen, which appears to bear the image of a crucified man, is venerated by some as Christ's burial cloth.

The operation, eagerly awaited by scientists, was carried out Thursday in Turin under supervision of Cardinal Anastasio Ballestrero, the archbishop of Turin, the collaboration of Dr. Michael Tite of the British Museum, the Vatican said.

The British Museum has agreed to guarantee the scientific validity of the carbon-dating, which is to be done independently on nuclear atom-counters at Oxford, the University of Arizona and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at the University of

Zurich. The Vatican, which owns the shroud, had resisted carbon-dating on grounds it would damage the cloth. But the development of an atom-counter known as an accelerator mass spectrometre in the 1970s made it possible to date objects with much smaller sam-

The shroud is kept in the Turin Cathedral

A piece of cloth measuring centimetre by 7 centimetres was cut from the shroud and then cut further into three samples for the laboratories, the Vatican announcement said. The size of the individual samples was

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The not given, but Tite has previously said that each laboratory would receive a 0.8-square-kilometre sample of the shroud.

The Vatican said the area of cutting was chosen to guarantee that the sample belongs to the principal body of the shroud and that the cut would cause "the least damage possible to the

The Vatican said the entire' operation was videotaped and photographed. The shroud is 4 metres, 34

centimetres long and 1 metre, 9 centimetres wide. Each laboratory will also re-

ceive two dummy cloth samples, one carbon dated and the other dated historically but not scientifically to see if they get consistent results for all three samples. The labs are not being told which sample is from the shroud,

the Vatican said. Tite has said that the triple

carbon-dating should reveal the shroud's age within a 200-year range. The results are expected to be announced by the summer.

The scientific tests will not prove that the image on the cloth is Christ's but would indicate whether the shroud existed when Christ was crucified.

The shroud bears a faint yellowish image of both the front and back of a man's body. Stains, scientifically identified as blood. can be seen around the wrists.

Believers contend the image was left by a supernatural burst of energy accompanying Christ's resurrection while sceptics claim it was painted during the Middle



The Shroud of Turin

et," campaign chairman Willie Brown told the New York Times. But Democratic National Committee Chairman Paul Kirk said such a ticket was unlikely. He predicted the vice presidential nominee would be a "a senator from the South or Southwest." Most observers believe such a choice would be a good geographical balance to Dukakis, na-

tive of the Northeast. Jackson campaign spokesman Bob Brosage brushed aside talk of Jackson as vice president. "We're still running for presi-

dent," he said. "There are significant primaries to come." And Jackson himself gave no indication he's giving up his drive for the nomination.

"We have come a long way and we will not turn back," he told an enthusiastic crowd of 3,500 at a Philadelphia rally. "I give you a choice," he said. "I am the alternative in the Democratic Party."

Lehder tried to sanctuary to Shah

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (R) - Reputed Colombian cocaine baron Carlos Lehder Rivas once offered to sell sanctuary to the exiled Shah of Iran on a Bahamian island that prosecutors say was used for smuggling, according to court documents.

A letter that Lehder purportedly wrote to the Shah on May 3, 1979, while the deposed ruler was living under temporary asylum in the Bahamas, was introduced Wednesday by prospecttors at Lehder's drug smuggling trial in Jacksonville.

"Your majesty," the letter said. "It occurs to me that you might be interested in acquiring a portion of the land we own at Norman's Cay."

Lehder, 38, is on trial under 1981 indictment charging that he masterminded the smuggling of 3.3 tonnes of cocaine into the United States through the remote island in 1979 and 1980.

Government witnesses in the five-month-old trial have testified that Lehder turned Norman's Cay into an armed camp, kicked other residents off the island and boasted of plans to create his own nation as a safe haven for international fugitives.

Botha proposes expanded black political

JOHANNESBURG (AP) -President P.W. Botha said he would push for political participation by blacks in the electoral college that chooses the president and possibly at the cabinet level.

In a major speech to parliament Thursday, Botha stopped far short of proposing full black voting rights or abolition of apartheid legislation.

But he said his National Party would stick to its widely criticised programme of slow-paced reforms despite claims from the increasingly powerful far right that most of the 5 million whites oppose even modest concessions

to the black majority. Botha's proposal to include blacks on the electoral college would, if implemented, mark the first time that blacks had a direct voice in the selection of South Africa's president. He gave no details about how much strength blacks might be given on the

Botha also suggested that the cabinet might be opened to people not serving in Parliament. That would clear the way for participation by blacks, who are excluded from parliament.

Botha's initiatives appeared unlikely to ease international pressure on South Africa for an end to apartheid.

But domestically, Botha's message seemed to be that his government would not be intimidated by the success of the extreme-right Conservative Party in three recent parliamentary by-

Botha reiterated his government's longstanding proposal for creation of a national advisory council on which he and his top cabinet ministers would negotiate with black leaders on drafting of a new constitution that would bring blacks into the central govern-

"We are not committed to the name, the form, the composition or the functions of such a body, he said. "We are committed to the concept of a forum for deli-

have rejected Botha's overtures to participate in the national council, saying the government must first free imprisoned black nationalist leaders such as Nelson Mandela and lift restrictions on major anti-apartheid organisa-

In later developments, police said Friday they found the bodies of two black men, believed stoned to death, in eastern Cape province. In Soweto, four black policemen were reported wounded by automatic gunfire.

Seoul cracks down on election violence

SEOUL (AP) — Thousands of riot police were deployed across the nation Friday to curb growing election violence, in which gangs attacked offices of political parties and students fought police.

Scattered clashes were reported in various parts of South Korea as campaigning for Tuesday's National Assembly elections entered the final phase. Hundreds of anti-government

students hurled firebombs and rocks at riot police in a brief clash in Kwangju, a southern city that is stronghold of the opposition. Demonstrators firebombed an office of the ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP) in Seoul in a hit-and run attack early Friday,

ported in the attack. A DJP office in the northern city of Chechon was partly damaged overnight in a bomb attack. police said. The office was empty at the time.

police said. No injuries were re-

An office of the opposition Reunification Democratic Party (RDP) was set on fire in an attack in the southern city of Taegu, police said. Large amounts of campaign literature were destroyed, but there were no in-

President Roh Tae-Woo ordered a major crackdown Thursday on election violence after warning he would not tolerate unrest. Dozens of people have been injured in clashes between

rival supporters. The national police deployed extra riot police and stepped up policing of campaign rallies.

Riot police in green fatigues and black, visored helmets guarded political rallies to prevent clashes between rival supporters. Lines of police separated rival supporters at some rallies.

Opposition leaders repeated charges that the government would rig the elections. They threatened to call for massive protests if the elections are not

The government and the main opposition parties have been wooing voters with gifts of money, food and free trips. But there has been no sign of government attempts to rig the elec-

Opposition leader Kim Young-Sam told a news conference Friday that Roh was concealing. widespread official corruption. He issued a list of 53 DJP assembly candidates he alleged were "anti-national" and guilty of cor-

The opposition has been attempting to discredit Roh with recent revelations of fraud in the administration of his predecessor. former president Chun Doo-

In another development. Roh said Thursday the 1988 Olympics in Seoul will inevitably force North Korea to change its hardline policy and reopen a dialogue with South Korea.

Roh said if North Korea changes its long-standing policy to communise the Korean peninsula through force of arms, South Korea would move actively to improve relations with the Communist state.

Vietnam outlines plan to end Kampuchea conflict

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Vice-Foreign Minister Tran Quang Co of Vietnam outlined a three-stage plan Friday for ending the war in Kampuchea, and said Vietnam would unilaterally withdraw its troops from that country if no solution is reached by 1990.

Tran, who arrived here Monday from Jakarta, spoke to reporters at a news conference before departing for Thailand and the Philippines.

He said the first step toward bringing peace to Kampuchea was to hold the informal peace talks proposed by Indonesia. The proposal has been backed "in principle" by Vietnam and the Association of Southeast Asian Most prominent black leaders | Nations, comprised of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore,

the Philippines and Brunei. The talks would be in two stages, first among the Vietnamese-backed Hun Sun regime and the three rebel groups that oppose it, then among the Kampuchean factions and other concerned countries such as Vietnam

and Indonesia. Vietnam invaded Kampuchea in late 1978, ousted the brutal Khmer Rouge and installed the Hun Sun government. Hun Sun is opposed by the coalition government of democratic Kampuchea headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, and includes Sihanouk's followers, the Khmer Rouge and the Kampuchean National L beration Front of Som Sann.

"It is up to these Kampucheans to work out what sort of peace they want ... but it should not be something that will see a resurgence of a genocidal regime. even Prince Sihanouk does not want this," Tran said.

"It should be a peaceful, independent, neutral and non-aligned Kampuchea," he added. Tran suggested the two-stage

informal talks could be held in Jakarta since Indonesia has offered to host the dialogue. Then, Tran said, there could be a formal international confer

ence, possibly hosted by India, to work out guarantees for peace in Kampuchea. "In case there is no solution to the Kampuchean problem

(through these means) by 1990, then we (Vietnam) will solve the problem unilaterally and we will withdraw our troops unilaterally," Tran said.

:Asked when in 1990 Vietnam would withdraw its troops, he replied: "I cannot say that ... it is up to the military."

AIDS may be 'smoldering in Asia

BANGKOK (AP) — The number of reported carriers of the AIDS virus in Thailand has more than doubled from a month ago, to 527, the Public Health Ministry said Friday.

The carriers included 459 people classified as intravenous drug users, 39 homosexuals or bisexuals, 13 heterosexual females and four blood transfusion recipients Twelve others not classified were also listed in a ministry news-

The report said more than 200 people last month were found to have tested positive for exposure to the virus that causes AIDS, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

The English-language newspaper "The Nation" quoted Dr. Praphan Phannuphak, an AIDS expert at Chulalongkorn University, as saying the larger numbers reflected wider testing, particularly of drug users.

The ministry report said AIDS among drug addicts was becoming a major national problem. Officials say 50 to 70 foreign and Thai prison inmates have been found to be infected with the

Officials have estimated Thailand's drug population at 500,000.

Fire raging

In a related development, in Washington an official of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) told Congress that new data from intravenous drug user in Bangkok. may be evidence that AIDS is "smoldering" in Asia. Dr. Jeffrey Harris, the agency's

AIDS coordinator, said a report on Bangkok addicts came earlier this week from the World Health Organisation (WHO). It put their infection rate at 16 per cent in the first three months of this year, up from only 1 per cent among the same group last year.

"There's a fire raging in the Caribbean," Harris said. "It's smoldering in Latin America and it may be beginning to smolder in

He said the worst reported infection rates in the Caribbean are in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Trinidad and Tobago. Bradshaw Langmaid, chairman

of the agency's working group on AIDS, said people used to wonder if Asians were to some degree immune from the disease. Both Langmaid and Harris warned against drawing firm conclusions from the limited data available.

They testified before the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee.

Langmaid told a reporter after the hearing that there is great danger of AIDS spreading in Thailand through prostitutes, who are often the sexual partners of addicts. Thailand is a favourite vacation spot for many people in

Monn can't believe what has hap-

pened on what was supposed to

be a routine Friday night patrol.

The officers are not sure if the

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Lankford admits the situation

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station, where the youths are

taken for questioning, Lankford

sighs as he gets out of his car.

work," he says. Indeed, paper-

work that night keeps CRASH

Elsewhere in the city, it is gang

business as usual. That night, two

people are killed and nine

wounded in gang-related vio-

lence, including several drive-by

officers at the station.

"This means a lot of paper-

At the Harbour Division police

is suspicious.

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Cicciolina tests 'clean'

ROME (AP) - Ilona "Cicciolina" Staller, the hardcore porno star and Italian parliamentarian, said Wednesday she got a clean a bill of health from an AIDS test. Staller said she took the AIDS test at a Rome clinic last week following the recent death of American porno actor John Holmes, her partner in a movie shot in Italy last year. She denied reports that Holmes died of AIDS. "Though I knew Holmes had died of colon cancer, I took the test to show that I am not afraid," the Hungarian-born Staller said. "I'm perfectly healthy," she said. Staller said she also took the test because it was required for her frequent foreign travels.

No topless dance for

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — A modern dance performance at a university campus was cancelled Thursday because the dancer planned to perform topless to a recording of a speech by President P.W. Botha, the South African Press Association reported. The Independent News Agency quoted an unidentified spokesman at Rand Afrikaans University in Johannesburg as saying school officials blocked the performance by Jeanette Ginslov because it would have been in bad

Seashells and submarines

EDINBURGH (AP) — A bundle of 800 papers containing information about the United States nuclear submarine fleet at the Holy Loch Naval Base was found on a nearby beach. The Scotsman newspaper said Friday that the discovery appeared to represent a major security breach. But U.S. authorities played down the importance of the papers. The Scotsman said the sodden bundle of papers in a black plastic bag was picked up by a woman collecting shells at Helensburgh, 11 kilometres from the base. It said the papers contained details of the running costs and maintenance programme of the 10 submarines operating from the base. Holy Loch is the United States' largest foreign submarine base. The submarines there are armed with Poseidon and Trident nuclear missiles. The U.S. Navy, in a statement issued from the base, said it was unconcerned about the loss of the papers, which it said were of no strategic interest. The statement gave no explanation about how the papers turned up on the beach.

Never too old

PESCARA, Italy (AP) — Police said Thursday there was nothing particularly unusual in uncovering a brothel in Pescara, except when they found the "madam" she was 94 years old. The woman, identified as Maria Enrica Sparvieri, was arrested Wednesday on charges of procuring and released on her own recognisance. A police spokesman in this Adriatic coastal city said the bordello employed about half a dozen young housewives and students, who charged from 100,000 lire to 150,000 (\$80 to 120) per rendezvous. "She's very sprightly, she had to be to run such a business," said the policeman, who asked that his name not be used.

Whalebone could rewrite history

TORONTO (R) — A construc-

tion wrker's discovery of an ancient whalebone, believed to be 11,000 years old, could rewrite some important chapters in North American history, museum officials say. The bone, more than one foot high, was discovered this week by a backhoe operator in a murky pit during excavation work in downtown Toronto. Officials at the Royal Ontario Museum say the bone may indicate the area was once covered by the Champlain Sea, an ocean that formed over much of eastern Canada and the United States after the last Ice Age some 10,000 to 12,000 years ago. Seymour said he knows of no other significant evidence of marine life from that period in the vicinity of Toronto in southern Ontario. "We have to be very careful because we could rewrite history but if it's authentic, it's a very significant find," Kevin Seymour, a paleontologist in the museum's bone section, said last week. Seymour said further tests, including a carbon dating to verify the age of the bone, will be needed to determine for certain what and how old it is and how it got there.

L.A. police adopt tough strategy in fighting gangs

By Matthew Heller

LOS ANGELES — Seven men face a wall, their hands up as they are searched by police, beer cans on the sidewalk the only evidence of the revelry that has just been interrupted.

It's a typical night for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) specialist anti-gang unit. The South Bureau of CRASH (Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums) has been deployed in the predominantly Hispanic harbour area after a report of a gang-related drive-by

shooting. As their tattoos graphically testify, the men up against the wall are members of a local gang, the East Side Wilmas, named for the Wilmington section of the harbour. Theirs is only one of an estimated 600 gangs in the Los Angeles area, totalling about 70,000 members.

Gang warfare involves oldfashioned battles over turf and, increasingly, competition for drug markets. Police say the gangs are heavily involved in the drug trade, particularly the sale of crack, a potent form of

The East Side Wilmas' only offence this night is public drinking. But the street corner they were drinking on has been claimed by their archrivals, the West Side Wilmas. The claim is staked in graffiti on the wall the men are facing.

"If some West Side Wilmas were to come back here and see these guys loitering around, we would have a shooting incident," explains Sergeant Phil Lankford. "These are death threats," adds Sergeant Reggie

Maeweather, pointing to the graf-

The search and interrogation over, the men trudge reluctantly away from the corner. The officers do not bother to cite them for the drinking offence.

Preventing, not just reacting The incident exemplifies the LAPD's new preemptive approach to the gang problem preventing crime rather than

merely reacting to it. "We are a visible, gang crime deterrent," said Lankford, a sergeant with a world-weary air who has served on the crash unit for two years. "When we see gang members loitering, we exit our vehicles and interrogate

them."

inaugurated last month, such 'field interviews" have yielded information on over 1,000 gang members never encountered before, Lankford said. The South Bureau of CRASH Unit, based over a supermarket near the Watts ghetto, has been

Since the new approach was

expanded to 72 officers, concentrating on prevention rather than traditional detection. The unit has also been involved in highly-publicised recent antigang street "sweeps." The 1,000 officers on one operation, the largest single anti-crime crack-

down in over two decades in Los

Angeles, brought about the arrests of 794 gang members. The work of CRASH officers requires constant vigilance and split-second decisions in the rundown Los Angeles suburbs which are the gangs' principal battle-

But the officers are enthusiastic. "We used to get there after the mess had been made," Maeweather said. "By us being aggressive, we can prevent the murders from happening." Gang-related violence claimed



Los Angeles yong members in front of graffiti marking their 'turf' 387 lives in Los Angeles County in 1987, many of them bystanders police radio interrupts the discuscaught in a bail of bullets. Au- sion. The sergeants leap from the thorities expect the death toll to table and rush to their cars. rise to 450 or more this year. But as the police themselves

strategy raises delicate civil rights issues, how to distinguish aggressive enforcement from harass-Over a fast-food meal, Lankford and Maeweather discuss

recognise, the new anti-gang

Maeweather has no doubts. "Our job is to make it hard for crooks to be crooks. You can't harass a crook." Lankford is more equivocal.

"Sometimes there can be a thin

their views.

line between strong enforcement and oppression," he said. "For citizens of the community who don't want to see gangs in their area, we're doing good gang suppression work. The people we youths were alleged to have interrogate would perceive it as police harassment or oppres-

A crackle of voices over the Gang business as usual

When they arrive at the scene about 15 Hispanic teenagers are lined up against a backyard fence. got out of control but worries he Another is handcuffed, face down on the ground, blood oozing from a cut in the back of his head. His brother, also in handcuffs, kneels beside him.

A CRASH officer Timothy Morin, dirt covering the back of his uniform, says the two handcuffed youths had assaulted him.

The teenagers belonged to a group having a party on the street who fled when they spotted Morin and his partner on patrol. Chased into the backyard for search and interrogation, the two assaulted Morin.

A butly veteran of patrols in the tough Watts housing estates,